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GREATEST LIVING NEGRO!

WHO HAS THE GREATEST CLAIM TO THIS EXALTED HONOR?

"The Senior Bishop of the Great A. M. E. Church is the Greatest" Says A. L. Ridgel, A. B.—Light From Over The Sea.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

While this cannot be termed an age of hero-worship, yet, it is an age where great men are brought forward and crowned with becoming chaplets of honor. The great heart of the nation is driven to quicker and more powerful pulsation, by the magnanimous deeds of her heroes. The history of biography is the most inspiring of all histories. What would the literature of the world be if you liminate the deeds of the great men and women of the ages? After all history is but a summary account of the acheivements of the leading minds of the world. Extract from Grecian history, the labors, acheivements, and valorous deeds of Plato, Aristotlle, Socrates, Demosthones, Xenophon, Herodotus, and a few other immortal names, especially that of the peerless poet Homer, and you would find a condition of literary poverty, intolerable and wretched. The same is true of every country and of every race. The wonderful fame of ancient Rome is tracable to a few illustratious men who lived at different periods of her existance. Passing the legendary stage of Roman history and among the first great names that ring down the ages in notes sublime, are those of Varo, the learned author; Cicero, the famous orator and philosopher; Cæsar, the brave general, historian and statesman; Lucretius, the didactic poet; Catullus, the lyric and epigrammatic poet; Sallust, Vitruvius, Virgil and Horace. Those are the heroes who stired the Roman world during the first century. We might trace, the pages of medeival and modern histories and the same result would be obtained. Peter, the hermit, Richard and Saladin, were the great leaders of the Crusaders, whose eloquence and devotion inspired thousands to join their righteous but perilous cause.

But to the point. Who is the greatest living Negro? Who towers above his rivals and lays the greatest claim to this exaulted honor? Of course there are various opinions expressed and unexpressed on this subject. Douglass, in his day, was called the greatest Negro. Price was his strongest rival. Many pronounce Prof. Booker T. Washington the greatest living Negro. We beg to disagree. Washington is a great man along a certain line. He is a great money gather; he is a great mimic, a great whitemans pleaser, but not a great scholar, not a great orator. He has written nothing worthy of note. His speeches, (to use the language of Dr. Henderson) are "huge jokes" and monstrosities. Those who pronounce him the race's greatest man, do our truly great men a grave injustice and display a deal of ignorance respecting our great men. I pronounce Rt. Rev. Henry McNeal Turner, D. D. L. L. D. D. C. L. the greatest living Negro. He has done more for his race than any man living upon the face of the earth to-day. Mr. Washington can gather money and tell jokes, Bishop Turner is a great scholar, a great writer, a great preacher, a great statesman, a great race lover and a truly patriotic man. Look if you please, at the history of this great hero; he faced the shot and shell of the late civil war; he championed and fought the cause of his people during the bloody reconstruction period; he was the leading Negro spirit in the Georgia Legislature in a day and time when brave hearts trembled and giants faultered in the execution of their duties. Bishop Turner is the honored founder of African Methodism in the State of Georgia that is today the greatest of African Methodism. His voice and pen have cried down mob-violence as no other man of the race could have done. His dreadful ire shook the moral world, when it fell upon that iniquitous decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, which robbed the Negro of his constitutional rights and left an humble, progressive, law-abiding people, exposed to all the fury of a sensual, voluptuous people, sworn to degrade and annihilate the Negro race.

Any measure in which the rights of the race are involved, has ever been the chief concern of Bishop Turner. Inspired by the fire of christian patriotism, our hero, mounted the high sea and found his way to bleeding Africa, where he unturled our "grand old banner" and bade the heathen "look and live." As a man, Bishop Turner is affable, liberal and forgiving; as a citizen, he is progressive and law abiding; as a Bishop, he is impartial, able, definite in purpose, uplifting and inspiring in his lectures, sermons and admonitious. He has ever been the idol of the common preachers. They regard him as a father and friend. He is now the senior Bishop of the great African M. E. church and the best known Negro, and by far the most eminent man of the race. With due regard to the other great men of the race; with ill-will to none, but love for all; with a full consciousness of the unpopularity of the position taken (by the Bishop's rivals) I hesitate not to pronounce Dr. Turner the Greatest living Negro.

A. L. RIDGEL, A. B.

Monrovia, West Africa.

"AS BY FIRE."

Presented to a Large Audience—Weddings—Personals.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

"Standing room only," was the sign displayed at the Union Aid Hall on last Tuesday night, "As By Fire," a temperance drama in five acts being presented. The bar room setting in the third act was admirable. "As by fire" has some features which pleases all theater goers. Ben Patterson and Wm. Pope manifested a good conception of their parts. Miss Lizzie Phillips as "Mary Gordon," proved a favorite. The balance of the company with a few more week's training, could be made better. Miss Pearl Crawford in her vocal solos, took the audience by storm. Her talent and skill is far in advance of her years. The White Ribbon club of Avery Chapel, gave a Lemon Squeezing party at the residence of Mrs. West McGee, on South street, that was highly enjoyed. An elaborate supper was served. One of the gayest entertainments of the season was given by the Pickwick Social club, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Walles, on Lauderdale street. All seemed to enjoy themselves to the utmost. Dancing was the principal feature of the evening. After tripping the light fantastic to the strains of most entrancing music, they were treated with a sumptuous repast. Those present were: Misses E. Washington, J. Hodges, M. Mosby, D. Leland, K. Davis, C. Hamilton, Mrs. L. Homes, of Denver, Col.; M. Lucas, M. Hall, C. Morgan, L. Cole, A. Bryant, Messrs. G. Byron, J. Newton, M. Barker, A. Mosby, W. Jenkins, C. Ross, P. Sutton, W. Washington, A. Dorsey, C. Ware, D. Bell, W. Holliday, E. Goens. Bell and McNeal. A Dorsey gave a box party and attended "As By Fire." Mr. and Mrs. D. Downey's residence was the scene of a grand affair. Large as the double parlors are, they were filled to their utmost, and all seemed to enjoy themselves to the utmost until a late hour. A grand reception was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Taylor Friday night.

Memphis has thirty-six colored churches, divided into the following denominations: A. M. E., nine; C. M. E., five; M. E., two; Z. A. M. E., one; Baptist, thirteen; Congregational, one; Episcopalean, one; Advant, one; Prophet, one; Reformed Christians, one; all of which are pastored by able divines. Rev. J. A. Swift, of the Arkansas conference A. M. E. church, has been transferred by Bishop Turner to the West Tennessee conference, and stationed by Bishop Salters at Mt. Zion church. Mrs. Lela Arnold and Mrs. Mollie Williams have been on the sick list for the past week, but at present are reported much better. Victor Simons threaded twenty-seven needles in five minutes at Avery Chapel needle threading party. Prof. G. P. Hamilton, of Clay Street High school, has opened a new grocery store on the corner of Polk and McKinley streets. John Hanson is clerk. Mrs. J. E. Malcolm left last Friday for Clarksdale, Miss., where she will make her future home. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farris have gone to Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs. J. N. Abby has rendered very efficient service in raising money for the remodeling of Avery Chapel. The recitation of the Psalm 119th, by Misses Ida B. Johnson, Mamie F. Pool, Prescilla Reed and Mozella Young, at the St. Andrew Monthly Sunday School Anniversary, was worthy of praise. Miss Ida R. Tillman has been elected as teacher in the A. M. E. College. Rev. F. D. Ellison, of Woodstock, Tenn., and Rev. J. C. Gray, of Hernando, Miss., are in the city. Rev. J. N. Aboy is a candidate for the editorial chair of the Southern Christian Recorder. Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Charley Walker and Miss Mary Hill, at the next holy communion service at St. Andrew church. Miss Ella V. Trigg has been elected assistant secretary of the A. M. E. Stewardess' Union. Rev. B. G. Alexander, the popular pastor of Centenary M. E. church, has accepted the principalship of the Friendship school. Rev. Dr. Key, P. E. of the Memphis district M. E. church, is in the city, and reports everything in good condition. Mrs. Katie Lewis is quite sick at her residence on South street. Call at 68 Avery street and get The Freeman, the representative journal of America, each Saturday. All of the churches are preparing for Easter. Rev. J. J. Morant will lecture at St. Andrews' Temple, Avery Chapel and Providence church next week, subject, "The Negro of the past, present and future." He is an eloquent lecturer, and never fails to compliment The Freeman.

Personal Mention.

San Antonio, Texas, Special.

The Alamo City has had several convocations recently. One of much note was the convention of climatology. The city schools are doing well under the principal-ship of Profs. Morris, B. S. Lowery and Sutton. Church revivals have been successful, several have been converted. Rev B. W. Roberts, D. D., preached the Odd Fellows sermon to the Alamo City Lodge on last Sunday. Rev. Dr. S. Moten, B. D., Pastor Bethel A. M. E. church, organized a Christian Endeavor Society at his church a few Sundays ago. The Freeman is still the beacon light of Afro-American journalism. It competes successfully with many of the general journalistic world. Rev. B. W. Roberts, D. D., candidate for the Bishopric.

Preparing for Examination.

Nashville, Tenn., Sdecial.

The winter term of Fisk University closes the 19th, inst., and the students of the collegiate grades are preparing for a rigid examination on that date. There will be thirty-two graduates from four departments in June. College, fifteen; Normal fifteen; Theological, one; Department of Music, one. The College class of '96 gave an excellent social at the residence of Rev. J. C. Moreland, on McNary street, on the 6th, inst. The Mozart society, which is composed of sixty members, is preparing to render Hayden's Creation in its annual concert in April. The Fisk Athletic Association will conduct two base ball teams this season. The Normal class of '96 gave a party on the 6th, inst., at the residence of Rev. G. W. Moore, on Addison avenue. At 9 p. m. refreshments were served. After the repast the invited guest repaired to the parlors, where they were favored with a vocal solo, "The Flower Girl," by Miss L, Pulliam, was applauded. Miss Pauline E. Sumner rendered a piano solo, "Pauline," by Maywood. Miss Jerusha Sloan read the class prophesy. President Craft delivered a brief address to the class in which he congratulated the members on reaching their Senior year, through, perhaps, many difficulties, and hoped for them a bright future when they enter upon active life.

Church and Personal Mention.

Redemption, Ark., Special.

Matthew Jefferson, the colored delegate from this county is attending the Republican state convention at Little Rock this week. The second quarterly conference of this, the Walnut Grove circuit, convened on the 29th, ult., and was ably presided over by the Rev. G. W. Shaw. J. C. Casey is in Little Rock this week on business. Miss Hattie Grey, of Perryville, spent the latter part of last week in our midst. A reception was tendered her by the young people, which took place at the residence of H. C. Casey. Since our last writing death has robbed us of our aged friend, Mrs. Susan Bobbitt. Mrs. Bobbitt was a faithful member of the Baptist church, and leaves a husband and many friends to mourn her demise.

Well Pleased.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Our portrait has been received and we are well pleased with it. Please accept our thanks also good wishes for The Freeman.

Barton, Ala. MRS. C. G. JACKSON.

BLACKS VERSUS WHITES!

"ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL"—JUSTICE IS WHAT WE WANT.

Social Equality a Condition—The Door of Hope Shut Against The Negro and His Children.

"Eating the bitter bread of banishment."—King Richard II act III S. C. I.

There are certain forces in our body politic that will sooner or later reach a crisis. From this fact there is considerable unrest among our educated representative men, and that grounded undercurrent will burst forth ere long; and the hidden volcanic eruptions that are latent will lubricate the chariot wheels of progress, and what will be known in history will not be a French revolution, but a Negro revolution. The Roman Empire enslaved her great men, but it was only temporary. In the United States Senate just prior to Christmas, there was a bill introduced whose animus it was to repeal the proscriptive disibilities against the services of the ex-Confederates in the United States army or navy. The bill passed without a dissenting voice. The bill was championed by Senator Hill of New York.

Inasmuch as we are a fractional part of the machinery of this government, the displacement of any of its parts practically disarranges the motive power of the machinery. Approximately, there are 9,000,000 of our people in the United States without a single representative in Congress at the present time, granting, however, there were two Senators and one or more Representatives; a condition that does not exist in any other civilized country on the globe. Now the question naturally arises, who is to blame? If the Constitution vests certain power in the Executive, Legislative and Judicial departments to remove certain disabilities from one class of citizens, why does not the same powers, all matters considered, apply to others whose conditions are a hundred fold more oppressive as affecting man's natural and political rights as American citizens; most especially when the latter ones have instinctively been royal and loyal to their country, with no conceivable hope in view save his freedom, which, by the way, is all life is worth living for? Now, however, we are not pessimistic in this matter. Although we accept no discriminations in favor of one class of people as against another, we have to admit that the arch angel, presumptive, has always and upon almost all occasions hovered over our destiny, hence as to patriotism. If it is in the air, we breath it with as much purity as an eagle in her areal flight. When we survey the broad field of public sentiment, we cannot say that we are happy because we are discriminated against on every hand. Some fear social equality; that is not what we want. Justice before the law is all we ask. Social equality is a condition of society, that looks after its self.

"Love, like death,
Levels all ranks and lays the Shepherd's crook
Beside the sceptre."

There is a clause in the Declaration of Independence that says: "All men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inaliable rights; that among them are life, liberty and pursuit of happiness." Those colonists had the temerity to call on the Divine Providence for acquesence in their proceedings, and the echoes of their acts had not died on the footsteps of their transactions before the heel of tyrany was shifted on the poor merciless Negro, and he has been carrying the burden ever since. They were then citizens as now, aliens, known to latter years. The United States Supreme Court, covered over with slime of popular sentiment—may I say subsidized in the interest of public sentiment—by its decisions, shut the door of hope against the Negro and his children.

And now in the sunlight of reason and intelligence, and in the last quarter of the 19th century, and not in harmony with our institutions of learning or civilization, there is placed upon the statutes of this state, a law which practically says all people, whatsoever nationality, can inter-marry save the Afro-American. That law is absolutely class legislation, and for that reason, if none other, is unconstitutional and at variance with our educational institutions. The law is repulsive to all true christian people, it matters not of what creed or dogmas. As we are American citizens, one hundred thousand of my people did not fight for our pledges for nothing, if that means anything.

W. H. STOKES.

Muncie, Ind.

Stole A Stove.

Georgetown, S. C. Special.

Prof. A. E. A. Peets is sick. The parlor entertainment at Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Ford, Sr., was well attended. J. A. Baxter, ex-legislatureman, has been elected as one of the alderman of the city. Mr. Baxter is a good man for the place. Z. D. Green, Esq. is the probate judge of the county, is a genuine Negro, a graduate of Allen University and the only Negro judge in the South. The Republicans here are for Reed, believing that he is the way to success.

Sunday March 1st, was a great day among the Odd Fellows here, Wingah lodge No. 2962 and Georgtown Union lodge No. 3555, turned out at Bethel A. M. E. church at 8 o'clock p. m. in full dress regalia. W. H. Howard, P. N. F. recited, Jno. J. Burton, P. N. F. delivered an able address, after Rev. W. P. Carolina, pastor of the church, preached an able and instructive sermon. Mrs. Julia Peets arrived from Columbia, S. C. this week. J. H. Jones, Jr. and Miss Anna Wathers were married last week. A. Young, a white man broke open barber Huggins' shop last week and took out a stove. Mr. Huggins had him arrested and he is now under $200 bond.

BEST AND FITTEST MEN.

AFRICAN METHODISM IS REACHING HER MATURITY.

Her Leaders Must be Men of the Best Type—Attention Should be Paid to the Physical Condition of the "to be" Bishops.

Life insurance is now conducted scientifically. There is no guess work about the probable death-rate, but all are matters of calculation. In discussing the question, "How many new Bishops should be elected," there is a certain important phase of it overlooked, viz: "What is the probable life term of the Bishops now serving?" A review of the statistics shows that there have been twenty-two A. M. E. Bishops, and that but eight of this number are now living. Bishop Allen, the first Bishop, was elected in 1816, and was at that time fifty-six years old. He served fifteen years. The oldest Bishop now living is Bishop Handy who is seventy years old. He was five years old when Bishop Allen died.

The next oldest living Bishop is Bishop Turner who is now sixty-three years of age. Bishop Allen died two years before Bishop Turner was born. The third oldest Bishop is Bishop Tanner who is sixty-one years old, and next to him is Bishop Arnett, age fifty-eight. The youngest Bishop is Bishop Grant, age forty-eight. The average age of the Bishops at time of election was forty-eight, and the average term of years served by the deceased Bishops was twenty-one years. The average age at which the deceased Bishops died was sixty-nine years. The average age of the Bishops now living is fifty-nine years. There are three Bishops who have reached or passed this age. Of the other five there are but two who will probably hold out more than five years longer. The probabilities, therefore, are that within six years from now but two of the present bench will survive. Prior to 1887 but five Bishops had died, but between 1887 and 1895 nine have died. Bishop Turner is the only Bishop living who has served longer than eight years.

A careful consideration of these plain, though rather gruesome facts will point several lessons. The first one is this: Too little attention is paid to the physical condition of the men who are elected. Upon entering the office of the bishopric a man, under ordinary conditions, should be in his prime and possessed of an unimpaired constitution. That class of young men of the present day who have to lie down after eating, who have to sleep during the day, who cannot stand more than three or four hours of close application to study at a time, who have to carry a medicine chest around the country with them, and who practice their ill-conceived and absurd methods of diet to the great inconvenience of those who entertain them, that class of men are not fit for the Bishopric. They are degenerates and have neither the power of endurance nor the intense energy that should reside in leaders. Men who thus play out at what should be their prime are weaklings and are not the best types of the race. They will be timid, vacillating, capricious, gloomy and optimistic in character.

African Methodism is just reaching her maturity, and her leaders must be men of highest courage, greatest energy, and of the very best type of Negro virility. It is much better to elect a man sixty years old who is well preserved than to elect a man of forty who is breaking down. There are one or two quite young men who are candidates: Dr. Tyree is a man of culture and high moral repute, and deserves the commendations which he is receiving. There may be four and possibly five bishops elected. In that case Dr. Tyree will closely dispute with Dr. Coppin and Dr. Beckett for the honor. Men from the West and South feel very sore over what they considered as ill-treatment received at the hands of Dr. Beckett during Bishop Wayman's funeral, and he has for that reason lost much in popularity. Some say that his popularity was the only ground upon which he could hope for election. Dr. Coppin has nearly dropped out of sight since the delegates have been elected. A great many say that the manner in which he played double with Editor Johnson has convinced them that he is not reliable. His advocacy of Dr. Preston and Dr. Townsend is resented by the friends of Dr. Embry. They say that Dr. Coppin knows that neither of these men could be elected, but encourages them in order to get Dr. Embry out of his way. Again, Dr. Shaffer has a very strong following in the Philadelphia Conference as well as throughout the country, and many of his friends feel sore over Dr. Coppins' alleged threat to knock Schaffer out of his present office if he did not publicly withdraw from the race.

It is also said that Dr. Coppin and Dr. Townsend were operating to defeat Dr. Armstrong. This idea grew out of an article in the Recorder, some weeks ago that was written by one of Dr. Townsend's men. The attitude of the bishops toward the manner in which the Review is conducted leads some to think that they too, are sharing in the general decline of sentiment favorable to Dr. Coppin. One man of great prominence said: "What reason is there to elect Coppin in preference to Tyree, Beckett, or Townsend?" Dr. H. T. Johnson is no longer in the race. The great dissatisfaction in Arkansas, has set him hard to work to secure his re-election as editor. One caucus among the Arkansas delegates has failed to reach an agreement and matters are much unsettled. In the meantime there is no one else running for the editorship. Dr. Jennifer is spoken of, so is Rev. Mr. Downs of Georgia, but Johnson has the inside track, and thus far, is regarded as the favorate He blames Dr. Embry for the ups-and-downs that have marked his career, and Dr. Embry blames him for the decline in the circulation. Dr. J. P. Sampson and Rev. R. T. Ranson are the men who are hustling for the Review. Both are splendid men and either one would no doubt, be a succes. Because Ransom does not fall in line with the old time ideas of some of the leading spirits at Wilberforce he will lack some the support of that school which heretofore has been about able to control the General Conference. However, there are now one or two other schools that will claim recognition.

Dr. O. P. Ross is one among the most fit men who have lately been mentioned for the Bishopric. The Ross boys have done faithful work, and the very name is a sign of victory. The men who are elected this time will have reason to be proud for there will be a great number of first class candidates. Rev. Ross comes from a state that merits some recognition, and is a man who deserves attention. The delegates should begin to think of him as a very strong candidate. Drs. Armstrong, Derrick and Embry, are the three men who have been thouroughly discussed. They were known as candidates before the delegations were elected and now appear to be generally approved. But everybody knows that there will almost surely be five bishops elected, four to fill vacancies, and one to meet the extra demands of the growing church. Tyree, Ross, Moore, Coleman, Green, Townsend, Beckett, Jennifer, Coppin and Preston are among those who have been more or less mentioned. If Dr. Derrick is elected he will be accredited to the East, Dr. Embry to the West, Dr. Armstrong to the Southwest, Dr. Tyree or Dr. Ross would be a recognition of the South. Sections should be thought of, not in a narrow and clannish way, but in a broad and intelligent manner. Our church covers a vast territory, and the conditions differ nearly as much in various sections as they do in various parts of the British Empire.

We must be broad and make one whole of many parts by treating all fairly. One from the East, one from the West, one from the North and one from the South, and one from the church at-large. How would Dr. Jennifer do for the fifth man? He has served on the Pacific Coast and on the Atlantic shores, in the Arkansas Conference and in the New England, and in the middle states, he has also left monuments. Just as Dr. Roberts has stepped aside for Dr. Armstrong, should Dr. Townsend step aside for Dr. Embry, and Dr. Coppin for Dr. Derrick. They would be more thought of in the end—to selfishly stay in the way will bring its own punishment. Let Florida come up solid for her choice. Let the men of Brother Tyree's section come up solid for him, let the friends of Brother Ross have a fair and friendly understanding with those of their parts, let the same be true of all the five men now most prominent, Armstrong, Derrick, Embry, Tyree and Ross. (Let Dr. Ross and Jennifer, test their strength and one or the other step aside.) Would it not be better to discuss these things openly, and let the entire delegation know about it? It gives each man a chance to act intelligently. Why hold secret correspondence and whisper secret lies, and make secret plots? Let us hold our men up to the world before hand, and if there is anything wrong about them we had better know it before than afterwards. Just as sure as an unfit man is slipped in, it will bring disgrace upon us. Let the best and fittest men succeed.

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EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

By the Members of the Race at Blocker, Tex.—An Excellent Program.

Blocker, Tex., Special.

We, the teachers, scholars and parents of school district No 15, Harrison county, met Jan 1, '96, at Pleasant Hill C. M. E. church for the purpose of celebrating the Emancipation Proclamation. There was a large and enthusiastic crowd present to witness the exercises of the evening, which consisted of orations, addresses and essay readings.

The exercises were opened by scripture reading; prayer by the Hon. Henry Sims; song No. 91, Gospel Hymns, was sung by the audience. After a brief statement of the object of the meeting by Prof. W. A. Preston, and song No. 370, Gospel Hymns, was sung, Prof. W. A. Preston introduced Rev. A. C. Capers, teacher of school No. 2, a bright and energetic young man. He began with the origin of the Negro, and talked of Ham as a slave, and as a soldier. He spoke of some of the wealthy Negroes, among whom might be named Bruce, Lynch and Pinchback. He also spoke of Dr. W. J. Simmons, Booker T. Washington, and lastly he spoke of the Negro as a free man. He was frequently applauded through his entire speech.

Prof. Preston next introduced Rev. Jas. W. Patterson, a noted divine of the Baptist church He spoke in a plain and simple manner, but his words went to the hearts of all. His standpoint was, "The value of a true principle" In part he said that "The Negro was the easiest nation to please on God's green carpet." And in conclusion, he told the men to take care of the women. His advice was excellent. At this junction song No. 282 was sung.

The evening exercises began at 6:30 o'clock by singing song No. 66. Prayer by Rev. James Patterson. Essay, "A Good Name," by Miss Martha Bichams. Song No. 311. Recitation, "The Average Girl," by Annie Prior. Recitation, "Obedience and Kindness," by Miss P. N. McDaniels. Recitation, "Value of Religion," by Miss Eliza J. Cooks. Recitation, "The Power of an Idea," by Miss Lettie Blocker. A jubilee was sung by the school. Paper by Master Joseph C. Gordon; recitation by Early Bettis; recitation by Miss Winnie Williams; recitation by Pauling Blocker; recitation by Master Willie E. Hynson; recitation by Master Silas Williams; recitation by Miss J. J. Jones; recitation by Miss Sallie Blocker; recitation by Miss Lula Gill; paper by Ellis Drayden; recitation by Stella Edwards; recitation by Miss E. S. Spencer; paper by W. Marshall; solo by Rev. A. C. Capers; recitation by Miss Bettie Dickerson; paper by T. M. Blocker; recitation by Miss Lurena Vaughn; paper, by J. N. O. Wiesner; recitation by Master York Bickams; recitation by Miss Mary E. Sanders; recitation by Miss Rebecca Drayden; recitation by Master H. S. Williams; song by school; recitation by Sam Williams; paper by Master J. Q. A. Saunders; recitation by Mrs. Mattie J. Preston; recitation by Miss Texanna Williams; address, "The necessity of a Christian Principle," by Prof. P. W. Robinson; song, "Oh, Calvary," by the school. Rev. M. F. Jamison, president of the beard of trustees, was introduced by Prof. Preston.

And They were Wed.

Peoria, Ill., Special.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roundtree, on Seventh avenue, February 25, the marriage of their daughter, Miss Sallie, to Mr. Shederick Adams was solemnized. Miss Loella, sister of the bride, maid of honor, Mr. Summerville best man. Rev. Thomas performed the ceremony. They were the recipient of many handsome presents. Mr. and Mrs Adams went to house-keeping on Howett street. May happiness and success adorn their path is the wish of all. The Odd Fellows had their annual Thanksgiving sermon preached last Sunday, and they turned out in a goodly number to listen to the noble sermon delivered by Rev. Thomas, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church. The revival meeting that has been in progress the past two weeks, has done much good. Many have joined the church. Rev. T. N. Mudd and Rev. H. Thomas, of Weire City, Kan., assisted. Rev. I. S. Woods went to Bloomington to preach the Odd Fellows' sermon, and Rev. Sheen, of Bloomington, filled our pulpit. The Leap Year social given at the A. M. E. church, was a success. Mrs. S. D. Fowler and little son Johnie, have returned from St. Louis, Mo. On the 26th, ult., there was a brilliant affair at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas English, on Howett street, the occasion being the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary, to James T. Stevens. Miss Lizzie Roundtree was maid of honor, and Mr. Cozins was best man, Rev. James Thomas, officiating. The bride wore old rose henrietta, trimmed in cardinal velvet, ornaments, brilliants. The couple will go to house keeping at once. They were the recipients of many handsome presents.

Texarkana News.

Texarkana, Ark., Special.

Our Twin City is very dull at present. There is a great deal of sickness. Rev. W. H. Jackson has been sick a week, also Mrs. Katie Hardy. Prof. R. L. Long, T. Troup and Rev. Thomas Cooper, of Paris, Texas, were seen on our streets last week. The great "Yellowstone Kit" has held the people on the streets for three weeks, day and night. Rev. Dr. David Logan, of Shreveport, La., preached at St. Paul M. E. Church last Sunday. Hon. C. M. Ferguson was in our city last week. Every Afro-American ought to get a copy of Lincoln's Amancipation Proclamation, published by The Freeman. Mrs. T. C. Jackson has the agency in this and adjacent towns.

Arrested for Gambling.

Clarinda, Ia., Special.

Mrs. Matthews is confined to her bed with la grippe. Rev. Alexander, who was called to Burlington and Keokuk, has returned home. Two young colored men by the names of Bryant and Browning were arrested for gambling and fined $20 each. Browning in trying to escape, was shot through the hand by sheriff Aikens. Orth & Johnson's grocery came near catching on fire from the furnace recently.

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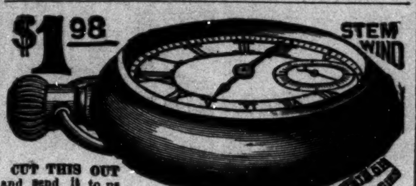

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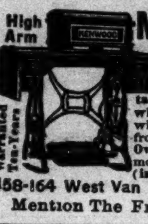

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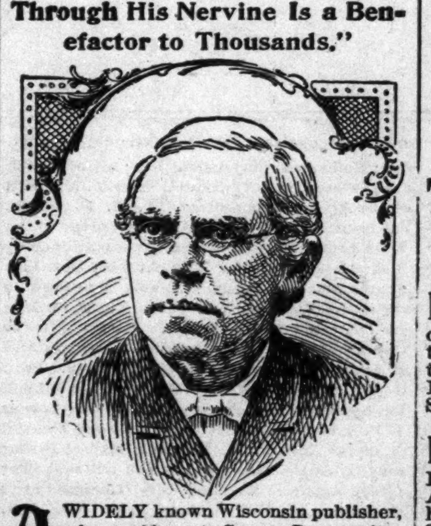

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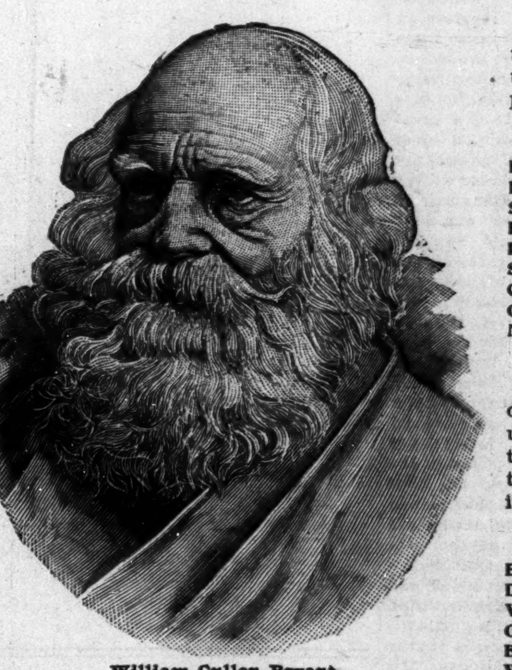

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

"With wild surprise
As if to marble struck, devoid of sense,
A stupid moment, motionless she stood."
—Thompson.

"Were his eyes open? Yes, and his mouth too:
Surprise has this effect, to make one dumb,
Yet leave the gate, which eloquence slips through
As wide as if a long speech were to come."
—Byron.

IN THE morning of January 10, '95, Andrew Hardy paced to and fro in the depot at B——, waiting for the overdue western train. Seated near by were his two little daughters. In his left hand he held tickets and baggage checks for Chicago, while with his right he stroked his fine, long side whiskers. He was leaving B——, and certainly for the last time as one of its leading citizens, as a man who had seen the town grow from a large village to a small city. He was dressed in a neat, fitting suit of black, and his high silk hat was incased in a widower's band, which informs the reader that Mrs. Emma Hardy is no more. She died about a year previous to the above date with hasty consumption, brought on by imprudence caused by her determination after the scrap of letter episode to do the opposite to her husband's wishes. She was provided by nature with a seemingly iron constitution, and was therefore always imprudent, starting out of doors in winter with no wraps, or out in the rain to the store without hat, or out around the yard in her barefeet. She would always, however, listen to the voice of her husband, and obey his injunction, "Emma," don't go out doors that way; do you want to catch cold and die?"

After the falling out, she made it a rule to do every thing just the opposite of his wishes no matter what the results might be. One of the results was she caught a heavy cold which settled upon her lungs and baffled the skill of the leading doctor of B——, and several of New York City. Her husband sent her home to her mother, thinking a change of air might help her. She grew worse and returned in company of her mother to B—— to die. In three months after she first took the cold she was dead. Before she died, however, there was a reconciliation between her and her husband. She confessed that she had told many falsehoods about him, stating that he kept company with fallen women and beat her. She had justified these false statements upon the ground that he had never told her the truth about the scrap of letter she found. He cleared that mystery up by showing her dozens of Martha Wright's letters to Clark and telling her the whole story. She in part counteracted the wrong she had done him by telling the many friends, who visited her during her last hours, the truth. Still as the most important persons, the town gossips, stayed away she could not fully check the harm she had done to her husband's business.

Hardy's business had been falling off for several months before his wife's death for several reasons: First, after his wife painted him so black, several Old New England and Quaker families stopped trading with him; then three new stores in his line opened in the same neighborhood; again several factories and mills had been built, the employees of which were an ignorant foreign born class, who would not deal with an Afro-American. So after his wife's death, getting a good offer, he sold out "on account of death in the family," and banked the cash. He bought a half interest in the only newspaper in the town and devoted all his time to newspaper and literary work. He owned several building lots in B—— and on the outskirts which he improved with an eye to speculation. He owned the house in which he lived. After his wife's death he sold all of his household goods, rented out the house, and boarded at one of the hotels. As a writer his great hobby was economics. He was a great disciple of Prof. Gunton, and followed closely into the footsteps of the great student. One of Hardy's signed editorials found its way in the columns of hundreds of Western newspapers, the result of which was he received the following from his old school mate who failed a few years before in the fruit business:

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"Fraternally, your old friend,
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Hardy telegraphed he would start at once. It was but the work of a few hours to prepare. Trunks were packed and checked and tickets purchased in less than four hours after the reception of his friend's letter. What little unfinished business he had was left in the hands of his lawyer. With an impatient step backward and forward he walks, looking at his watch every half minute. He seems anxious to leave B——. At last the overdue train arrives and he starts for the West. It was a Lake Shore line and he had stop-over tickets. Nothing of note passed until they reached Buffalo, where they stopped over night and viewed the Niagara Falls, the next day before continuing their journey. Saturday morning, after the train was a few miles west of Sandusky, O., it stopped miles away from any house or station. The passengers anxiously inquired the cause and were informed by the train men that a heavy freight train had been wrecked a few miles ahead. At a river crossing the bridge had been carried away and travel would be delayed for several hours if not for the rest of the day. There was nothing for Hardy's train to do but push back to Sandusky, which it did. Here arrangements were made with another company to transfer the passengers of the Chicago train from Sandusky to Toledo where a train of the Lake Shore road would again take them. The train upon which Hardy and his companions were placed was a local or accomodation train between these two cities and stopped at every crossroad. There was a mad rush for seats and when Hardy and his two little daughters got aboard they found all the seats with the exception of two taken; these two faced opposite and one was occupied by a young woman whose bag rested on the other seat. The children followed the example of the grown folks and rushed for the seat, the oldest one of the two sitting down beside the young woman who was reading a novel.

"Eva, Eva, how rude you are! get up; I guess these seats are taken."

"Beg pardon, Miss, but is this seat taken?" asked Hardy, lifting his hat.

"No sir," was the young woman's reply as she removed her bag. "You see sir, this is a slow coach, local, and we get tired holding our bags before we reach our homes; then again we so seldom have any strangers on this train that we had come to think we own the cars and that strangers have no rights we are bound to respect. Come little ones and sit one on each side of me; I'm very fond of children; what's your name—Eva did you say? why that's a pretty name; what's yours baby? Emma? Well, now that's a real sweet name. Sit here on my lap, Emma, and look out of the window."

"I fear they will annoy you, Miss."

"Not in the least, sir."

Hardy's vis a vis was a young woman about twenty-two of rare beauty with light brown hair and eyes of the same hue. Her fair face had just a little yellow tint which was always taken by strangers as an outward sign of health. In the passing notice Hardy had given her he concluded she was the daughter of some of the old time Quakers or old Abolitionists of the section. She would not have received a second notice, perhaps had it not been for his daughter Eva. Eva was just nine years old and a very bright little girl for her age. She wanted to show the strange, but friendly lady how well she could write, so she tried with ill success to write the names of the several way stations as the brakeman yelled them out; failing in this she wrote several of her old lessons, all of which the lady praised.

"Now let me see you write your full name," she asked just as Eva held up the last of her paper.

"Papa, please give me a sheet of paper out of your book; I want to write my name for the lady."

"I fear you are annoying the lady, my daughter; come over here by me."

"Why no she is not; she is a cute little body, and wants to show me how nicely she can write her name; I am an ex-school marm, so I enjoy the fun sir."

Hardy pulled from his pocket one of his long business envelopes, in the corner of which was printed "Andrew M. Hardy, B——, Conn.," and handed it to the child. When the lady read this name she was mute with surprise for a few minutes, but soon recovered. Her eyes rested upon the weed on Hardy's hat for several minutes; they then inspected his face and made a study of it, then they wandered back to the crape on his hat. All this time Eva was carefully writing her name, and her father reading his paper; at last the child finished, "Eva L. Hardy, nine years old, of B——, Conn.," and held it up for inspection.

"Why that's very nicely done, Eva; now see if you can write my name; give me the envelope, dear, until I set the copy for you."

The lady wrote her name and the child commenced to copy it. The proud father was now interested and was watching her with a pleasant smile. The lady was watching him with a semi-wicked smile. He looked up and caught her eye and wondered why she looked at him thus. She threw him off with true womanly cunning.

"Eva's a bright child, sir; how old did you say she was sir?"

"Nine and a half, Miss."

Eva had now finished the lady's name and started to spell it out. The lady tapped her lightly with her foot, and the bright little girl understood and stopped short.

"Give it to your papa, my dear, and let him see how nicely you have written my name."

The child handed the envelope to her father. We cannot record the surprised look upon Hardy's face when he read: "Martha Jane Wright, late of Beaconville, Va."

He dropped the envelope as if it had been a hot potato. Martha Wright (for his companion was none other) bit her lips to keep from laughing, and then remarked in a reproving tone, "Why my dear, did you throw it at papa or did he drop it; pick it up and hand it to him."

The child obeyed and Hardy turned pale as he was forced to look at the name; he felt like a guilty man—a fugitive from justice who had suddenly rushed into the arms of the officer of the law he was trying to dodge. He knew that Miss Wright's eyes were upon him, and for a long time he dared not look up. She was indeed looking at him with a semi-pleased and amusing look which changed in a searching, cold, judge-like stare, when he at last found courage to look up. He let his eyes fall towards the floor and moved about from one side of the seat to the other, as if it were hot or filled with tacks. He made a nervous start towards the children as if he would snatch them up and fly to another car. Martha seemed to read his intent and drew the children towards her and gave him another cold look. The trainman yelled out, "Parkersburg next station!" An idea rushed through Hardy's mind. He would get off at Parkersburg. As the train came to a stand still at Parkersburg he almost snatched up the little Emma and started for the door.

"We get off here, Eva, hurry up."

"Why, is this Chicago, papa? Why it is a very small place."

"No, its not Chicago, but I've got to stop here over night to see a friend; hurry up. Good afternoon, Miss—er—Miss—"

"Wright is my name, Mr. Hardy."

She followed them to the car door and lifted Eva down upon the platform. Hardy lifted his hat; she bowed and turned back towards the cars.

"Thank heaven!" Hardy said to himself; "I'm glad I got off here; I could not have stood her stony gaze another mile. Oh, how guilty I felt, and must have looked far more so. She is very pretty, however."

"Papa, you looked like you was 'fraid of the lady on the car. When she looked at you, you looked 'fraid like naughty children looks in school when the teacher looks at them. Did she used to be your teacher, papa? Was you 'fraid of her?" asked Eva.

"No, no, there don't ask any more questions."

"Where are we going to, papa?"

"Didn't I tell you not to ask any more questions? We are going to a friend's house."

"Mr. Bradford's house, who told us he lived near Chicago?"

"No, to the house of a colored gentleman I know. Pray hush up."

Eva dropped the tell-tale envelope and turned to pick it up; close behind was Martha Wright.

"Why, papa, here comes the lady what was on the car after us."

"Great heavens!" exclaimed Hardy aloud. Before he could say more Martha had caught up with them. Hardy lifted his hat and stammered out something; what he said neither Miss Wright or himself knew.

"So you have stopped over at Parkersburg to see a friend, Mr. Hardy?" she asked.

"Yes, er—that is—er—yes, Miss."

"Colored or white, may I be permitted to ask, Mr. Hardy?"

"Colored."

"Oh well, then, you are going to our house to see Uncle Bill, as we are the only colored family in the town. That being the case I'll lead the way with the little ones," she said as she looked at him with a knowing smile and eyes which seemed to say, "Andrew Hardy will you ever stop telling me untruths?" Hardy was speechless; he felt in some degree like a prisoner who had made a bold stroke for liberty and had been recaptured. The little ones were delighted when they found out they were going to Miss Wright's; the bright little Eva kept looking back at her father, who was slowly following on.

"Papa walks so slow; if we don't look out he'll get lost; I believe he don't want to come and is trying to get lost."

"In that case, Eva, we had better make papa walk ahead," said Martha as she laughed aloud. A hopeless smile even escaped from Hardy as they walked on. Eva looked back every few steps to see, as Miss Wright said, if papa was all there or lost. At last they entered a neat two-story cottage, followed unwillingly by Hardy.

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NOTICE.

We have been notified that one E. P. Pinchback is soliciting subscriptions for The Freeman through Ohio. He is a fraud and not a representative of this paper. We will pay twenty-five dollars for his arrest and conviction.

THE LEGISLATIVE MUDDLE.

The nominating day grows on apace. It is surprising to see the number of candidates for the legislature of candidates for the legislature. Just why they are so unduly attracted can not be understood. The office should have a chance—a chance to seek the man. The colored man should countenance no man who is not fitted to discharge any duties likely to rise during the incumbency. It is not necessary in these times to select a figure head, nor a butt of ridicule. No man should feel that he has a lead-pipe cinch on any position that the people may bestow.

Past services are no open sesames if fitness is wanting. The Negroes of this community should think. He who thinks is a man. The Negroes of this community should be men. No body is entitled to anything the people choose to withold. This almighty presumptiousness on the part of the few towards the many is what serves largely as a check to the advancement of the people. Give the competent men a chance! The old aphorism: "That fools rush where angels fear to tread" is often exemplified in this section. It is not necessary to "settle" on a man either. Let them go in the convention and take their chances like other men. Strange inconsistency the yell of discriminations in public affairs and laws, yet insist on "settling" on a man. Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel, says Carlyle. A strict tab should be kept on all such proceedings so that doughfaceism may be convicted. Blow steady!

"MY PREJUDICES."

The echoes of the Flagler affair are still distinct. The journal, of New York, has asked twelve eminent white ladies to give their opinions as a "jury" of the case. It is quite remarkable how unanimously they agreed that Miss Flagler could not have meant this, that or the other. Miss Clara Folz, New York's most prominent woman lawyer, gave her verdict on the merits of the case, and comes very near being the ideal "jury-lady." The other eleven, including such women as Mesdames Elizabeth Cady-Stanton, Lilly Devereux-Blake and Mrs. Gen. C. H. T. Collis, went into hysterics as to the horridness of the whole affair. Each one, except Miss Clara Folz, forgetting they were "jury-ladies; threw their respective souls into the matter as though Miss Flagler was in danger of re-incarceration. These women, each and all, with the single exception, displayed their total unfitness to cope with questions where there is a sentimental side. The Journal should have sent the verdicts back to them and asked again for verdicts and not "my prejudices." One lady so far forgets herself as to speak of the mental suffering Miss Flagler has undergone. Not one word for the dead boy or his suffering parents.

A "jury" composed of twelve eminent colored ladies of the land would, doubtless, return some interesting verdicts and opinions. Why not try them.

OHIO'S ANTI-LYNCH BILL.

Hon. H. C. Smith, of the Ohio Legislature, has brought about a reconsideration of the vote on his anti-lynching bill, which was lost by six votes in the house of representatives. Mr. Smith is making strenous efforts to have a more favorable consideration of the bill. He should have the united support of the Negroes at least. It is true that others are lynched, but it is very evident that the Negroes are more subjected to mob violence than any other people. The Freeman, however, insists that a failure should not chagrin Mr. Smith. Ohio has made no such record in this matter as many other states.

M'KINLEY AND THE NEGRO.

It is not very likely that the New Yorkers who came to Indiana to boom Morton got much consolation out of their visit. The Negroes of Indiana are for McKinley, and after Harrison have always been so. The Negroes of the United States are for McKinley. The vigilance displayed by McKinley in behalf of the Negroes in his state has done the work. The heart of the race has been warming up to him every since. McKinley is nominated now so far as the Negroes are concerned. He is the only candidate who has had the courage to go out of his way to befriend the race. It is to be hoped that they will not be denied the chance to vote for their heart's choice in the coming contest.

THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS SOUVENIR.

We take pleasure in bringing to the attention of or readers and the many friends and admirers of the late Frederick Douglass, the recent publication of an attractive souvenir named as above. This souvenir is in a form of a booklet and is artistic in design and execution, and contains, besides an admirable picture of Mr. Douglass, a representation from two different points of view of the house at Cedar Hill and of Mr. Douglass seated at his desk in his library where he wrote his famous address on lynching. The price of the souvenir is 30 cents and it may be obtained by sending one's address with this sum and a two cent stamp for postage to PUBLISEHER, P. O. Box 16. Anacostia, D. C.

VERDIER AND DIDIER.

Mr. James R. Verdier, of Beaufort, S. C., in "The Negro in Southern climes," says:

"The Negro is unlike any race on the face of the globe. Ignorance is his dominating feature, acquired by who can tell how many centuries of blissful passivity beneath a Tropical sun? We cannot say ignorance has no charms; we can not refrain from envying his happy lot. See how he adorns it; he is one huge, black mess of it. Well primed with that, we may say, essential quality, for where could we find our true "nigger" without it.

"He leads a life of peace and ease in his happy-go-lucky way, fully living out this passage of scripture—'sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.' Man's surroundings are in keeping with his wants, and his wants conform with his sphere of intellect; the higher that becomes the greater are his necessities. In this respect the Negro is blessed, he knows little and therefore demands little."

The Dial of Progress, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, very sensibly says, by way of comment:

"If the South Carolina Negro, or any other Negro, for that matter is so dull of apprehension, why is it that South Carolina has found it necessary to take the lead, as far back as her provincial days in enacting and enforcing laws prohibitory to the intellectual advancement of her Negroes?"

The description of the Negro by Verdier is picturesque if nothing more. The true "nigger" however seems to be the burden of his lay. The Negro knows little he says. He might have added: "I would have him know less." These periodical ebbulitions of fancies from diseased brains need no ventilation. They are in keeping with the Didier rehash that passed over us like a spasm a few months ago. The chances are that this writer is gangrened with jealousy over the rapid evolution of the Negro, and has mobilized his hate into a battering-ram. It won't work; the world knows better. From the rymth of the Verdier and Didier we suspect that they are exotics that can not be acclimated.

THE Frederick Douglass Souvenir sent us is a most beautiful reminder of the lamented Douglass. As a work of art it is very acceptable, showing exquisite workmanship. An excellent portrait of Douglass adorns the first page, followed by a general view of his Anacostia residence and grounds. The third view shows Mr. Douglass in his library, followed by a fuller view of the Douglass house. These excellent souvenirs are for general distribution. The modest sum asked for them goes to show that the object is to keep alive the grand Douglass spirit. The Freeman takes pride in saying that those who comes in possession of the souvenirs will at one recognize them as mementoes and works of art.

HENDERSON'S CANDIDACY.

We have it from the best authority that Rev. J. M. Henderson, M. D., of the A. M. E. Church is a candidate for the Review, an organ of the church. The Dr., after much solicition, has allowed his name to be used in this connection with the understanding that he is to be the editor with all that term implies. His contributions to The Freeman and other journals show his fitness in this capacity. He is argus-eyed, sparing neither men nor measures. Such men are a necessity when they are gifted with the happy faculty of being right, saying the right thing at the right time. The Dr., posesses this faculty, and in the language of Goldsmith:

"If he errs 'tis on humanity's side."

But taking it all in all the church would make no mistake in making him editor of the Review.

"THE Liberia Gazette, of December, says that Dr. C. McKane, who arrived in Afriba six months ago, opened a drug store and was doing well, has left for the flesh pots of Egypt (America) He was not made of the stuff that constitute dare and do.—Voice of Missions.

We venture the opinion that Dr. McKane knows just what he is doing.

THE hit 'em hard in Abbyssinia.

AT least it is not Menelik the damned by a —— sight.

RUMOR has it that Dr. J. H. Ballard is not averse to leglislative consideration.

THE partitioning of Africa will soon cease to be a "mid-summer's night dream."

THE one law that is discriminatory in intent on the statute books of Indiana will soon join its merry company of like laws.

B. SQUARE REPEATS

Where he Got His Information, and Thinks Mr. Washington has Good Grounds for a Libel Suit.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I am bitterly opposed to a duel through the columns of a newspaper, for a dozen reasons, eleven of which are that as a rule, the fighters are not equals in the art of quill driving, and the stronger one keeps sticking his pen in the other fellow after he is down; the twelfth reason is like the other eleven. I feel it a self appointed duty, however, to say that the most careless reader of my "Bluster" last week will see that I say that the New York press quotes Mr. Washington as baving made the remarks to which I called public attention.

I see by your letter head that The Freeman is read by 80,000 colored people each week. The New York Press is one cent a copy, and it would cost me one cent postage to mail a copy to each of your readers; 80,000 multiplied by two cents amounts to something like $1,600; this is more than I feel able to spend to prove to the readers that the statement was published in the New York Press. A bright idea strikes me! If any reader will send two cents in stamps to the New York Press, 38 Park Row, New York, and ask for a copy of Feb. 13th, he will be able to read just what the Press man said about my distinguished friend's after dinner remarks.

Mr. Washington should also send for a copy of the Press and several other New York, Brookly and Associated Press newspapers of the date of Feb. 13th, read the words these bad newspaper men put in his mouth, and then institute a gigantic libel suit.

I can not doubt Mr. Washington's word; I will not allow myself to do so for a moment, still, I must say this in the interest of the New York Press up to the date of Feb. 13th, that I have taken the paper every day since its tenth issue, and it is the first time I have caught it in a falsehood; as to the other papers, well—it looks like a plot on their part to make me find fault with the supposed remarks of an old co-laborer for the advancement of true Negro manhood. AUGUSTUS M. HODGES.

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Capital City Jottings.

Annapolis, Md. Special.

The G. U. O. of O. F. of the city celebrated their Anniversary—Lodges 1450 and 1145, the former at Mt. Moriah A. M. E. church, Rev. S T. Tice, B. D. preaching the anniversary sermon, and 1145 lodge at Asbury A. M E. church. Rev. B. T. Perkins delivered the sermon. The members of Mt. Moriah A. M. E. are prepairing for their grand ralley which takes place Sunday. The Y. P. C. S. E. celebrated Maryland's day at Mt. Moriah, Sunday, the program was unique, and of great interest. Fine music and addresses graced the occasion The Young Cadets of the U. S. Naval academy, gave one of their characteristic Sea Dinners, which was largely attended and well enjoyed by the friends; proceeds go to the grand ralley fund. The literary society still grows in interest. Rev. B. T. Perkins, of Asburs M. E. church left Monday for conference, which meets in Charleston, West Va. The young men of the city have joined largely, the pastor's club, to liquidate the indebtedness of Mt. Moriah A. M. E. church. Quite a pleasant evening was spent last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, on Fourth St. at the christening and birthday of their little son Wayman. The guests were, Rev and Mrs. Tice Dr. and Mrs. Bishop, Prof. W. H. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Stepney, The Misses Johnsons and a host of merry children. The legislature is still in session.

CATARRH OF STOMACH.

What the Doctors used to call Dyspepsia Dr. Hartman calls Catarrh.

There is a disease of the stomach known to physicians as gastritis. Dr. Hartman has shown this disease to be simply catarrh of the stomach, producing all the symptoms of dyspepsia and indigestion. He cures thousands of such cases, which are supposed to be incurable, because he has discovered the secret of their trouble—chronic catarrh. A letter recently received from Mrs. Lulu Giddle, Storm Lake, Ia., is to the point:

"I was taken with catarrh of the stomach two years ago. I was treated by three of the best doctors in the city. I grew worse under their treatment. I was so low I could not retain my food on my stomach at all. I was advised by a friend to try Pe-ru-na, which I did at once, and now feel better than I haye for a year. I can do my work without that tired feeling. I can not praise your medicine enough for saving my life. I would be glad to have my letter published if it would help any one who is afflicted as I was. I will try and answer all letters that are sent to me, for I know just what Pe-ru-na did for me. I would be glad to recommend it to anyone who has catarrh."

A 64-page book devoted exclusively to catarrh and catarrhal diseases, and written by Dr. Hartman, will be sent free to any address for a short time by the Pe-ru-na Drug Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Birthday Celebration a Success.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

The entertainment given at the A. M. E. church, under the auspices of the choir, for the benefit of the organ funds, was a grand success. Miss Susie Poindexter, Mrs. Minnie Knox, Miss Mattie Frazier and Mrs. Ella Lykes were the ushers. Rev. H. E. Stewart officiated as master of ceremomonies. Overture, "Crown of gold," by Misses Vennie and Mamie Robbin; piano solo, "The Maidens;" prayer by Miss Fannie White; recitations by Mrs. Lillian Thomas-Fox, the noted elocutionist, was the feature of the evening. Miss Minnie Robbins captivated the vast audience with a violin solo. Rev. J. T. Broyles, of the Second Baptist assisted by Rev. Holland, of Rushville, continue their good work in the revival. The surprise party given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bass, corner of Vine and Sixth streets, in honor of Mr. Bass' 64th birthday, was a brilliant affair. Seventy persons were present, of whom all were relatives. The tables groaned under the edibles, of which they heartily partook. Dancing was the feature of the evening. Will Adams, the veteran horse man, will attend John Lackey's combination horse sale at Cambridge City this week. He will represent the Almeda stock farm, of this city, with some very fine and fast horses, owned by M. S. Claypool. 1. Woods spent last week in Richmond visiting friends. Abraham Peele was in Anderson calling on his friends last Sunday. Thos. K. Fossett was in Hartford City on business last week. Mrs. Dora Patterson, who has been confined to her bed for the last three months, is convalescent. Frank Hampton has recovered from the scare of finding one of the boarders dead in a room at the Hotel Kirby. Lazarus Fletcher, the mail carrier, who on account of one of his pedals, was off duty last week, has resumed work again. Sherman Lampkins, who was nearly blown up with the ill fated gas pump at Minetrista, has recovered. Miss Eliza Lacey says The Freeman for her first, last and always. Subscribe for The Freeman of J. H. Wallace, at 202 Eadom street, and don't borrow your neighbor's paper any more. Mrs. Martha Adams' heart was made glad when her prodigal son Samuel returned from Albion, Mich., after two year's sojourn in that city.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA VERSUS

Flagler — Resolutions Adopted — Personal Mentions.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Allen Temple has been secured to hold the fair, which will be given in April for the purpose of securing funds for the furnishing of the new orphans home. The fair will open on the 20th of April. The literary society which formerly met at the Harrison street Christian church is now meeting at the Masonic Hall on George street. There will be a good program Tuesday night. The third quarterly mass meeting of the Sunday schools of precinct A., will be held Sunday March 29th at the Calvary Baptist church, Third street. These meetings are meeting with grand success. A good program is prepared for the above date. The Twentieth Century Club met at the residence of Miss Anna Hart last Monday night. The members are as follows: Misses T. Young, C. King, A. Price, M. Taylor, L. Allen, L. Lewis, A. Jones, A. Hart, E. Troy, L. Clark, L. Traves, E. Ray, L. Watkins and Nora Cross. The object of the club is to give a leap year entertainment in the near future. Erie Dixon who has been attending law school at Ann Arbor, Mich., was compelled to return home on account of sickness. Miss Lizzie Newson was buried last Sunday from Union Baptist church. Miss Bessie Davis was buried last Tuesday from the St. John's A. M. Zion church. In a construction of a code of equity justice is the first consideration involved. Its dominion is supposed to be universal and to cover all grounds wherein the main and final result is justice. Equity declares null and void the right which comes from might and gives the weakest and most insignificant equal opportunities for existence with the strongest and greatest. The moment there is a deviation from the righteous side of a question of equity, whether influenced by coercion or bribe, so soon are the bulworks of human liberty torn down, and the code which should protect becomes a juggernaut car under whose wheels the weak and defenseless must lie.

Whereas the case of Dis. of Columbia vs. Flagler for the inhuman and unmitigated murder of little Joseph Greens presents one of the to innumerable instances where the cause of justice has been made to bow in meek submission to thee God of gold. Whereas the enormity of the crime and the farcial rulings of the court should be frowned down upon by all justice-loving people. Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the Zion Baptist Literary Society do hereby raise our voices in bitter denunciation of this unparalleled prostitution of the law, which should be an institution to serve the ends of justice, and not to protect malicious distroyers. Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this society and given to the press for publication. Committee: Harry Leonard, W. L. Ervin, T. D. Hill, Geo. H. Jackson, H. Jordan.

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Work of Colored Benevolent Society.

The Colored Benevolent Society began the work of relief on the first of last month and has been successful, so far, in taking care of most of the cases of colored people who applied to the charity organization society for relief. A committee of lady members of the society has been organised to take charge of the visiting among the poor. Committees will soon be formed to visit the various charitable institutions in and about the city to do charitable work among the colored inmates. The personel of these commities will be announced at an early date. Subscriptions made to the society can be paid at the office of the Sec'y. 90 W. New York st. as they become due. Subscribers have responded liberally hitherto and it is hoped that all those who have not done so already, will pay their subscriptions at once.

Masquerade a Failure.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

Miss Effie Flye has just returned home from school. James Jackson and wife are all smiles—it is a boy. Miss Rosie Stokes is on the sick list. Mrs. Millie Wilson is going to move to the country. We wish her success. Mrs. Norah Folks is still on the sick list. Henry Johnson, south of depot, has a full line of family groceries, and is doing a good business. The masquerade ball last Thursday night, on account of the rain, proved a failure. Mrs. Leah Smith and family of Union City, resolved to make Dyersburg their home. The First Baptist church is growing rapidly. Rev. W. F. Baker is pastor, and is doing a good work. We have organized a Young People's Lyceum. The U. B. F.'s and S. M. T.'s are doing a good work also.

Mrs. E. Parry of New Port, Ark., will answer any five questions for 25c. See adv., page eight.

THE BLIND BOONE CONCERT.

The Performance a Success—Sketch of Boone's Life—Press Notes.

Lovers of music who failed to attend the concert given by the Blind Boone Concert company last Friday and Saturday nights, at Roberts Park church missed a treat that was worth wading through the mud and snow to hear. The large church was comfortably filled at each performance to listen to this wonderful performer. Though losing his sight at the age of six months, Boone has nevertheless succeeded in acquiring a complete musical training, and unlike Blind Tom, he is well educated, which makes him a pleasant entertainer and conversationalist. Blind Boone gave several of his own compositions, which brought forth rounds of applause. The most striking one was the representation of the "Marshfield Tornado." The program was varied by the singing of plantation songs by Boone and Miss Stella May. Miss May made a decided hit in her plantation songs, being recalled as often as five times after each number.

BLIND BOONE

Was born in Missouri, Miami, Saline county, in the Federal camp, in 1863, 7th Militia, Company I, his mother being a contraband cooking for the soldiers. He lost his sight with the brain fever when six months old. His first instrument was a tin whistle on which he could play any ordinary air after once hearing it. He was next presented with a mouth organ by which he charmed the whole neighborhood, children coming from far and near to hear him exhibit on his mouth organ. He soon became the favorite of all who knew him and visited the best families in Warrensburg, where he made his home. They formed such an attachment for Boone that he was sent to the St. Louis blind school to learn a trade and educate him. This was a failure, however. Once hearing a pupil in the institution practicing on the piano, he would leave his work and steal to the piano. He was dismissed from the school and wandered around St. Louis making his living by playing on a mouth organ, and such instruments as he could get his hands on. Conductor A. J. Kerry seeing the pitiful condition of the boy, put him on the train and sent him to his mother. He soon organized a little company and started on the road, tramping and beating his way from town to town. He was not successful, however, and he endured many hardships. A colored gentleman, Mr. John Lange, of Columbia, Mo., taking a liking to him, put him in the Sunday school to play for the children. He also made a contract with his mother to educate him in music and put him on the road and he has made a grand success of it. Boone has been on the road some sixteen years, and has been successful in pleasing his audience.

THE INDIANAPOLIS PRESS.

"Blind Boone, the pianist, gave one of his best entertainments at Roberts Park church last night, under the auspices of the ladies of the church. A large audience listened to his wonderful renditions, and it was the general sentiment that he gave at least as good a performance as Blind Tom, who created a furore in the musical world some years since. Blind Boone, unlike Blind Tom, is very intelligent and well educated. It would be difficult to overestimate his accomplishments as a pianist. He gave imitations of all sorts of musical instruments with such fidelity as almost to defy detection. He also gave a great variety of old plantation songs, notable among which was one entitled "The Melon Season's over." Verging into the more serious, he gave Litz's "Hungarian Rhapsody" with such beauty of rendition that the audience applauded again and again. Miss Stella May, who is with him, gave several vocal selections, one of which was "Listen to the Chimes." After singing this she was recalled five times. An imitation by Blind Boone of a Knickerbocker train coming in one hour late, was a taking feature of the entertainment."—Sentinel.

A. concert by the Blind Boone Company was given at Roberts Park church last evening under the auspices of the Woman's Business Union. Blind Boone is a young colored man who is possessed of much the same musical talent which Blind Tom had. Blind Boone, however, is an educated musician. He playes with skill many classical compositions and varies his part of the program with songs and with piano numbers of his own composition. He has made an extended tour of the country and has been well received everywhere. He has great ability, and the novelty of the performance is enjoyable. The musical prodigy is assisted in the program by Miss Stella May, who has a voice of pleasing quality, which she uses for the rendition of old negro melodies. Both musicians were well received and were liberally applauded. This afternoon a matinee will be given, with low prices.—Journal.

NOTICE—Mrs. E. Parry, Newport, Ark., will answer a question for anyone who will send her stamped and addressed envelope. See ad., 8th page.

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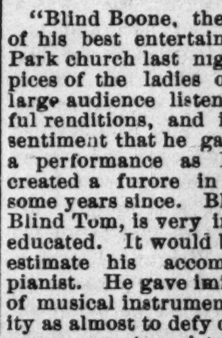

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THE FALLS CITY NEWS.

Thriving Enterprises—School Notes—Personal Mention.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Miss Ida P. Slaughter is somewhat improved. Mrs. Martha Henry died Monday morning and was buried Wednesday afternoon from the Twelfth Street A. M. E. Z. Church, of which she was a member. The deceased was a good, old christian woman; the wife of the lamented Rev. Thomas Henry and the mother of Misses S. O. and M. C. Henry, two of our popular teachers. Mrs. Henry was well thought of and a member of the S. and D. of M. Four children, 1 grand child a host of friends servive her loss. We have in our little city a speciment of the Negroes commercial idea, a fine drug store well conducted and managed by colored men. A laundry company owned and operated by colored men. The company has a well equipped plant located at 825 West Broadway, with every facility for turning out all kinds of laundry work quickly, neatly and satisfactory. Five neatly fitted groceries, each of which are doing exceedingly good business; two tailor shops that put up excellent work; one large hotel, managed and owned by George Buckner; several neat restaurants, two morticions, quite a number of tonsorial parlors, three news paper establishments, one dentist, one medical college, one hospital, both of which are owned and operated exclusively by colored men with Dr. H Fitzbutler as Dean; doctors, lawyers, caterers and a few other vocations of equal importance.

W. H. Goodall, formerly a teacher, has made some sensational allegations against Prof. W. T. Peyton, principal of the Easter school. Many of the charges are reminiscences of the past to Prof. Peyton, and the whole promises to be of a very lively nature. It is reported that the members of the Plantasma Club are making extensive preparation to give another "out of sight" entertainment, and that it will far excell their former one. It is to be a carnival with national representatives.

Much anger seems to be aroused among the people because of a malicious, scandalous and untrue publications concerning our high school. It claims among other things, that the school is "rotten," and the school board has promised to purify matters if the principal and all of the teachers have to be dimissed. The board as a whole, has said nothing of the kind. How can the maneuvers of the twenty-five year old women in the school be amended if the teachers or principal know not of them? The members of the Kenmore Club made a fine showing Thursday evening at the music hall as ushers. Rev. I. Tolliver, the Baptist revivalist, seems to now have everything his way. The various churches in which he preaches are crowded each evening and afternoon. Much interest is manifested and many conversions made. The concert given by the House of the Reform for the C. B and S. of H., was quite a success socially and financially. Fred J. Scott has served his connection with the Eckstein laundry company and the vacancy will be filled by Alex McEven as assistant manager. Subscribe for The Freeman. Read The Freeman. On sale at Jordan's central shaving parlor and La Cigale billiard hall. The mask ball given by Prof. J. T. Gilliard's juvenile dancing class Saturday afternoon was well attended and quite a success. The Race Protective Association held a very enthusastic meeting Monday evening. Messrs Jas. Black and James Simms were elected second and third vice president respectfully. Quite a number of appropriate remarks were made by the young men, showing much thought and consideration the part of the young voters. Much interest is manifested in the attempt of the R. P. A's to revive the stagnated situation of the colored voters with regard to their political views.

Will Ask for a Pardon.

Parducah, Ky., Special.

The Odd Fellows on the 1st at the Seventh street Baptist church drew a large audience. Dr. C. A. Isbell was master of ceremonies with J. W. Moore as assistant. Rev. Green Faulkner of Hickman, occupied the pulpit. John O'Neil of this city, is very ill at Mayfield. Ike Caruthers, the tenor singer, was on the sick list last week. Pleas Jennings is able to go about again after a serious sick spell. Mrs. John Fowler and daughter, Isabel of Chicago, are in the city visiting relatives. The bicycle fever has struck the girls now look out for bloomers. W. H. Mansfield went down to Mayfield on the 1st to be present at the Odd Fellows annual ceremonies. Miss Georgia Burks gave a birthday party to her friends on the 1st. Quite a large number were there it being her 18th birthday. Payne Boyd, a well known citizen and also grand treasurer of the Knights of Tabor, died on the 9th, after a lingering illness. He leaves a widow, two brothers and several other relative to mourn his loss. Horace Asken, the young man who came here from Memphis with the smallpox, has been discharged from the pest-house. A petition is being circulated to have Gov. Bradley pardon Sandy Barker who was sentenced to the penitentiary two years for stealing money from Capt J. Lawson, engineer at the U. S. Custom House. Three suits was filed in the U. S. circuit court last week at Louisville, against the C. O. and S. W. railroad, by parties who were ejected from their cars on account of refusing to ride in the Jim Crow car. The are asking $10,000 in each case. Get The Freeman every Saturday at 419 Jackson street.

A Pink Tea Social.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Special.

Mr. Sherdan Davis is rehearsing the choir for a concert. There is to be a a new club started in our city. G. A. Drake is at the head of it. Hamilton band is improving nicely under the leadership of Prof. Peters. Mrs. M. Moten is on the sick list. Mrs. W. Kenedy is in our city visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. Jones. Gabriel Drake is at the Randall. Some of the ladies of Matchless Chapter, gave a pink tea social at their hall last Thursday evening, which was quite a success. The ladies surely must be complimented for their good work in the last few years. They are now making their last payment on a fine five hundred dollar piano, and their relief to the poor and worthy have been felt throughout the city. Success to this noble society. St. Paul Chapter No. 8, meets Tuesday evening. St. Mary's Lodge No 14, of T. and A. M., meets tonight. James Smith, D. G. C., of Indiana, goes to Lafayette and Marion to-day in interest of K. of T. Any one who wishes to obtain The Freeman can get it at Jones and Riddley's barber shop. The revival meeting at the A. M. E. church is becoming quite interesting. Bro. Brown is assisted by Rev. Bell. He is an evangelist and a good singer.

Latest News.

Marion, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Jerry Burden is on the sick list. Rev. T. C. Wilson preached a masterly sermon Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Becks, of Wabash, were in Marion Sunday attending the Odd Fellows' services. Mrs. F. A. Burden is on the sick list. She is a faithful member of the A. M. E. church. There is talk of organizing a society here to protect young girls. We would advise the young people who attend church to keep quiet during service. Elisha J. Hill is very sick at his home on Twenty-second street. Mrs. Martha Patterson is reported very sick at her home on Boges' Hill. Miss Cordella Matthews is very sick at her home, and the doctors say that she cannot live. She has consumption.

New Restaurant Opened.

Lansing, Mich., Special.

Luther Meaux has resumed his studies at the Michigan Agricultural college. Morgan Vaughn, of Towlerville, was in the city last Sunday. Mrs. Ellis was in Mason last week visiting relatives. John Scott has opened a restaurant on Washington avenue, South. Mrs. Freeman, of Jackson, is visiting in this city. Another member was added to the Zion Baptist church last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Wm. Lyons, is doing a good work. He has changed his residence to Isaac street, West. A public concert will be given at Masonic hall on the 25th. The Capital Lumber company will move from North Lansing to a site near the Michigan avenue bridge, about April 1st. John Roberts, our colored engineer, has the contract for moving the buildings and machinery. One machine, weighing six tons, will have to be raised to the second floor. The Excelsior band has been reorganized. Several new pieces will be added. Wm. Parker has been elected president; James Thompson, secretary; Uriah Allen, treasurer; G. W. Henderson, leader; W. H. Jones, dispatcher. Mrs. Florence Allen was agreeably surprised by a large number of her friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, March 6th. The evening was spent in games and other amusements. Elegant refreshments were served. The dining room was beautifully decorated with smilax, roses and carnations. A splendid time was enjoyed by all. A Leap Year social was given at the A. M. E. church the 4th, inst. About $9 was netted for the pastor.

Won The Prize.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mrs. L. G. Brooks is able to be out again. Mrs. A. J. Allen is better. W. P. Winslow, E. Winslow and Frank Carter are attending their lodge in Marion. Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jones, a girl. George Allen is on the sick list. Oscar Harris won the prize of his class in Sunday school by giving the names of more prophets than any other boy. Leo Winslow won the second prize. Rev. Lewis Pettiford preached a powerful sermon Sunday night.

Royally Entertained.

Caldwell, Tenn., Special.

Miss Etta C. Campbell, of Shelbyville, was at home on the 8th. A. O'Neal spent a few hours very pleasantly at the residence of Miss F. T. Moore, Sunday, the 1st. Messrs. O. L. Laws, H. T. and W. H. White were royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Polk Frazier, Sunday, the 8th. Jessie O'Neal took a flying trip to Cedar Ridge, Sunday last. Mrs. N. J. Bomar and Mrs. Lucy Norvell, of Shelbyville, were the guest of George Bomar the 8th, inst.

Mrs. E. Parry will answer one question for you free of charge, if sent on or before March 19. Send stamped and addressed envelope. Mrs. E. Parry, Newport, Ark. See large ad., page 8.

Don't Take Cold.—Wet Feet and Cold in the Head Causes that Miserable Feeling.

"It would seem as if anybody with common sense would appreciate that at this time of the year great precaution should be taken not to get the feet wet," says Dr. Whetstone, in one of our exchanges. "Don't take cold," the Doctor says, "but if you do, here is a prescription that has been published before and for which I have been thanked by thousands of people who have tried its efficacy. On the first appearance of cold in the head, get a bottle of Pretzinger's Catarrh Balm and snuff it up thoroughly into both nostrils, and then at bed-time get thoroughly heated and take a warm drink, and use Pretzinger's Catarrh Balm as above. This is an unfailing remedy. When catarrh has thoroughly established itself in the system, it can be thoroughly healed, even when the case is quite desperate, by the use of this unrivaled Balm." Pretzinger Bros., Chemists, Dayton, Ohio, will send a sample of this Balm on receipt of two cents in stamps, or a jar for 50 cents. Pretzinger's Catarrh Balm can be relied upon for relief in sudden attacks of cold, influenza, catarrh or sore throat. For children this Balm is especially valuable, relieving attacks of earache, colds, etc., almost instaneously.

Meeting of the Douglass Club.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Spe ial.

There were special services held at the Second Baptist church Sunday, March 1st, in honor of the G. U. O. of O. F. Rev. James A. Farrier addressed the lodge. Charles B Grayson of Freeman lodge, Windsor, Ont., made a few remarks. Frank E. Evans President of the lodge read the by-laws. Music was furnished by the Kalamozoo band and Phillip's orchestra. The Douglass club will meet at the A. M. E. church Tuesday evening, Frank E. Evans, Pres. The H. W. C. T. U. will meet at the chapel of the Second Baptist church every Friday afternoon. Mrs. A. Bates who is severely ill is reported much better. Rev. James A. Farrier who has been quite sick for the past week, is convalescent. Miss Maud Smith of Denver, Col., is expected in the city soon, she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Stafford. Miss Viola Allen, of Fort Wayne, visited her cousin Mrs. Della Stewart during the past week, left Saturday for South Bend to visit her parents.

Mrs. Mary Stafford, of Pearl, Mich., is visiting her daughter Mrs. Charles O. Bailiff. Revival meetings were closed Friday night, Rev. Bell, of Detroit, who has been assisting Rev. Farrier with the meetings, has returned to his home. Wilbur Burton, W. F. W. Stafford, Hiram Wilson, Frank Evans and James A. Farrier were initiated in to Central chapter No. 5, Thursday eve.

Odd Fellows' Sermon.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Sunday was a grand day here among the Odd Fellows. They met at their lodge room and turned out beautifully regaled, and in full dress with silk hats. The order formed quite a long procession, which marched to the Baptist church where an immense crowd of friends had gathered to witness the exercises. Rev. W. W. Handy preached the sermon, which was a credit to himself and to the order. John L. Pearsall acted as Noble Grand, and W. T. Breeding as master of ceremonies. The Household of Ruth also took part. W. L. Councill, son of Prof W. H. Councill, has been visiting in the city the past few days. He made many friends. A reception was tendered Mr. Councill while here at the residence of Miss Julia Meredith. To Miss Scoggins, of the city school, is due much credit for the evening's entertainment. The following were present: Ross Brown, Miss Janie Towns; Tom Coger, Miss Julia Towns; R L Keller, Miss Rosie Wilson; Mr. Whitmore, Miss A. E. Fountain; Henry Byrd, Miss E. E. James; Rev. Johnson, Miss Mamie Ross; Emmet Simpson, Miss Mollie Ross; Arthur Scott, Miss Susie Sensabough; Percy Casey, Miss Julia Meredith; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Breeding; Misses E. M. Goodloe, Louselle Thomaselle, Madora Abernathy, Lydia Brown and others. David Hall, of Decatur, was in town this week on Masonic business. Forest Trimble, of Richmond, Ky., is at home again. Calvin Jackson, of Barton, was in town Saturday. Miss Mary E. Hasendove, of Spring Valley, has entered the city school. Geo. Graham and J. H. Spriggs have been on the sick list. George Ragland has returned home. Mrs. Lula Ricks and Mrs. Hosendover were in town Saturday. Miss Mattie Walker has just closed a successful school at Waterloo, Ala., and is at home. Misses Mamie Ross, Charlotte and Gertrude Stevens are Mrs. Breeding's new music pupils. Revs. Gibson and Green, of Sheffield, are booming their churches. The Freeman is always a welcome visitor. Jasper Davis, a brilliant young man, has returned to Moulton, Ala.

A Comedy Drama.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

A comedy drama was given at the the Fifth Ward Baptist church in the ancient play of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." H. Bailey represented Uncle Tom. Among the characters were Thomas Vance, Louis Boyd, Thomas Outlaw. Mrs. A. O. Kenney was the organist. John Hudson, who has been very ill, is able to be out. Shed Killabrew has partially recovered, and is still able to be on the go. J. F Shelton is critically ill at his home. The Electric street car company will begin work at an early date.

Physicians and Surgeons Meeting.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Bishop H. M. Turner preached a very interesting sermon at the A. M. E. church Sunday night to a very large and attentive audience. Mrs. C. H. Cox is convalescent after two weeks of very severe illness. Miss Lenora Moore is improving. The members of the Union Society under the auspices of G. U. O. O. F. in the Eagle Star lodge will hold their next meeting on the 25th of March. Jno. Mayes was on the sick list this week. The organized body of physicians and surgeons met at the office of Dr. O. W. James Friday night and rendered a very creditable program. The paper by Dr. James was excellent. We as colored people must learn to patronize colored enterprises. Those of our people who have business establishments depends almost absolutely on us to support them, they are forced to do this becouse of their color. We must learn to patronize all colored industries that will comply with our demand. Always remember that the Freeman is the leading colored journal in America, no colored family that wishes to know the doings of the colored people generally can afford to be without it. C. E. Newton is the agent in Chattanooga and will send you the paper weekly for 15 cents a month, give him your support. He is now selling 100 copies per week. All orders for this paper or news items for same will be given prompt attention. Leave them at Dr. James' drug store No. 403 W. 9th st. Subscribers please note that you must pay for your paper or it will be stopped.

Local and Church Notes.

Weaver, Ind., Special.

The A. M. E. church at this place is on a boom, Rev. Edwards is having it repaired, the reopening will be April 1st. Rev. Edwards preached the Odd Fellows sermon at Marion, Mar. 1st, at 3:00 p. m. The services were enjoyable. Weaver is a great place for business. I. H. Weaver is post master, and grocery keeper. Smith, a rising young man has gone into partnership with Jack Winters. Gus. Wallace has a fine barber shop at this place. John H. Pulley, one of Hill's Chapels oldest members has moved to Marion. Rev. Edwards has put new life in Hill's Chapel.

The Last Sad Rites.

Clarendon, Ark. Special.

The choir at the A. M. E. church has been re-organized under the instruction of James Moore of Pine Bluff. Rev. A. C. Johnson and Miss Woodruff have a private school going on at the A. M. E. church. Hattie Williams, who has been on the sick list is getting along nicely. Mrs. Sandus isn't so well at this writing. A. Burrel our coming carpenter is building Mr. Graham's fence. Mrs. Charles Johnson was on the sick list last week. Robert St. Clair, shot himself accidently in the leg. Miss Jones, of Pillows, is in the city to spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smith. The Sabbath school was grand on last Sunday, the largest attendance this year and quite an interesting address by Mr. Moore. The Presiding Elder will be with us Sunday the 15th. Every body turn out as this is his first visit. Every one is invited to bible reading every Sunday evening at four o'clock at St. Andrews Chapel. Rev. H. W. Williams preached a very stirring sermon, morning and evening to a large congregation at Berry's Chapel, Sunday. Sunday, March 1st, the G. U. O. of O. F. turned out for the first time to bury one of their members, Mr. McCarney. The Fraternity marched to the residence then to Baptist Grove church where he was a member. Rev. James said a few words for the church after which, Rev. Pain preached. Mr. McCarney leaves a wife and three children.

G. U. O. OF O. F. CELEBRATION.

Thanksgiving Sermon—Local Brevitys From the Blue Grass State.

Lexington, Ky., Special.

At Main Street Baptist church, Sunday March 1st, the annual Thanksgiving sermon of the Odd Fellows was preached; at which time the following program was rendered: Reading of the Thanksgiving Proclamation by the Master of Ceremonies. In obedience to the proclamation just read, we have to-day assembled together in order that we may render our devout thanks to the beneficient and Almighty God who has thus preserved our lives and protected and prospered our beloved order. Prayer by a minister. Hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee," by the order. Introduction by M. C. Recitation or essay from the Household of Ruth. Anthem, by the choir. Ten minutes address on Odd Fellowship. Hymn, by the choir. Chorus, "Every Day, Every Hour." Thanksgiving Sermon by the minister. Hymn, "Old Hundred," by the choir. "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow." Collection $28.30. Closing hymn, "God be with you till we meet again." Benediction.

The sermon was preached by Rev. C. H. Parrish, of Louisville, Ky. About 400 people were present to witness one of the greatest sermons ever heard in Lexington, Ky. Mrs. Margaret Jackson is out again. Mrs. Green Miller, of Louisville, Ky., is here for her health. The Y. M. C. C. is preparing for the Easter "hop." Sargent Moore left for Springfield, O. Mrs. C. H. Buford is expecting her sister in this month, and she is preparing a reception for her. A. B. Amands is very much taken with the Lexington girls. Miss Luetta Martin, who was seriously burned, is much better and will soon be back in school again. Mrs. Charles Allen is some better.

Personal Mentions.

Rice, Tex., Special.

Those who read the Freeman are well satisfied. Mrs. W. M. Sample spent last week visiting friends and returned on the 3rd inst. to her home four miles South of Corsicana. It seems very hard to get a school 3½ miles S. W. of Rice. There are one hundred or more Negroes there. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dennis are looking for their daughter, Mrs. I. D. Coffee, of Milford Tex. to visit them soon. P. DuBose has one of the finest horses in Rice. The U. B. F's are moving off nicely. Mr. H. H. Hamilton joined the order on the 2nd inst.

The Golden Banner Social Club.

Hempstead, Texas, Special.

The Golden Banner Social Club gave one of their up-to-date entertainments at the New U. B. of F. hall the 29th ult. Much credit is due the young men of the club on this occasion, it seems that every one is becoming socially inspired. Among the most prominent person who graced the occasion were Messrs. Van H. McKinney, John S. Tibbet, Steve Williams and Wesley Mason, of Navasota, and other distinguished persons who were attending the first congressional district convention. Pickens Alexander, now of San Antonio, but formerly of this place, is visiting his sick mother. Prof. H. L. Davis, a gentleman of rare educational abilities, is writing a history of the Mt. Corinth Baptist church. Jno. W. Thibert, correspondent, paid Waco a short visit the first of last week on business. The Freeman is gaining in popularity here as it should be in every place. Read it and see what the Negro is doing. Jno. W. Thibert is the authorized agent for the Freeman.

Frederick Douglass Entertainment.

Pontiac, Ill., Special.

Rev. Jameston, of Bloomington, Ill., delivered a powerful sermon at the Baptist church last Sunday evening. Mrs. Green was in the city this week visiting her relatives. C. Sommerville spent a few days last week in Peoria, Ill. The Frederick Douglass entertainment last Friday evening was a success.

LOST RELATIVES.

Robert White belonged to Joe Camp, and was raised at Jonesboro, Clayton Co., Ga. He had three daughters, Mary, Lizzie and Hattie; two sons, Wash and James. Any one knowing of such persons will please inform

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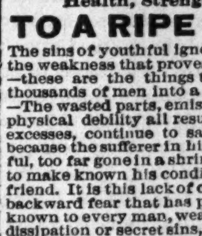

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A number of letters have reached me bearing upon the contents of my first letter, since its appearance. They are all letters of approval. This shows conclusively two things, viz.: That the people are thinking and that they are reading The Freeman, the most popular Negro journal in existence.

One of the most popular ministers from the West Tennessee conference wrote in last December: "I have heard that you are defeated. I can't understand it." The reason is plain. I usually say what I have to say. There are certain men in this conference who will stoop to any trick to seek revenge, if they imagine that their play-house is tampered with.

We will send to the General Conference in May at least five delegates from Tennessee seeking a general office or the bishopric. I confess that all of them are worthy of the positions they seek. But is it not strange that the delegation is too stupid to see that none of them will get anything at that rate?

Dr. J. N. Abbey, of Memphis, would make a good editor of the Southern Recorder, or manager of the S. S. Union. Dr. T. B. Caldwell would make a good manager of the Union. Rev. B. A. J. Nixon would make one of the best chief secretaries the General Conference ever had. Rev. B. Green ought to be elected as Financial Secretary. He would honor the position. He came within one vote of being elected at one time. Dr. C. S. Smith would accept the bishopric if tendered him. All of these cannot be elected in '96 Now what four will "pull off" and lend their aid to the fifth? Or will all of them get off the track and let Kentucky put the little "black giant," Dr. E. Tyree, of Louisville, in the arena and put him on the bishops' bench?

He is a Tennessean, and we claim him yet. He is without controversy the most popular African Methodist preacher that Tennessee has ever produced. He is the man whom the late Bishop John M. Brown declared wears the mantle of Bishop Campbell. Dr. Tyree is without doubt the greatest pulpit orator which Tennessee has ever produced. He is easily the most popular preacher that ever filled a Tennessee pulpit, and he is holding his own at Quinn Chapel, Louisville, Ky.

I sent to the Christian Recorder several weeks ago, an article setting forth our claims and desires with reference to Dr. Tyree, but the Bishops' Council met in the meantime, and all such matters coming from certain sources hence forth, find their way to the waste basket. I presume the article is "gone the way of all the earth."

Since the above lines were written, information has reached us that Kentucky will support our claim for the bishopric. We are glad of that. But with the same mail I am informed that a "call" has been issued by one of the delegates—a presiding elder—of the Tennessee conference to all delegates and alternates of the two Tennessee conferences to meet and agree upon a certain line of action at the General Conference. This "call meeting" was held on the 10th, inst., at Nashville. It was earnestly desired that a full delegation would attend. It was furthermore hoped that no candidates for any general office would be agreed upon; but that the convention will agree to go to the General Conference pledged to support Tyree for the bishopric to the bitter end. "Well," somebody will say, "that sounds like politics." Well it is politics. Let us be fair. What Bishop has been elected within the last twenty-five years without the use of political methods? The days of "casting lots" has passed away. All political methods are not wicked any more than all politicians are not rascals.

There is nothing wrong in honest, conscientious, vigorous fight to place the fittest man in high places. Now if we cannot have Tyree for Bishop, give us Bedford Green for Financial Secretary, or Dr. J. N. Abbey for editor of the Southern Recorder. J. A. JONES.

Fayetteville, Tenn.

A Church Burned.

Berea, N. C., Special.

On the night of Jan. 22nd, New Hope Baptist church was burned to the ground. Lost $1,000. If anybody feels inclined to give us anything, pleae send it to the pastor, Rev. J.R.Cozart, Berea, N. C., and we will thank you. The Rev. J. H. Lyon, Anna G. Cozart, Queen, V. Ellis, Adline Jeffers, Gaze Jeffers are all on the sick list. Daniel Lawson died Feb. 24th.

Congregational Convention.

Van Buren, Ark., Special.

Rev W. O. Embry, the presiding elder of the M. E. church, was in the city at the Republican county convention in this city, on the 22d, ult. Geo. Randolph and W. F. Stewart were appointed delegates to the Congregational convention at Eureka, Ark, the 10th, inst. Jack Jenkins, who has been lame from stepping on a nail, is slowly improving. Simmons Turner has been very ill, but is improving. Sam Wartes gave a party for his little son Charley. A great number of children were present. Miss Emma Buckler, of Ft. Smith, is visiting relatives in this city. W. F. Stewart made a flying trip to Ft. Smith Sunday. L. G. Chatman, of Ft. Smith, is in the city visiting relatives.

Church and Social Doings.

Clarksville, Ark., Special.

We have started a night school for the old people; taught by R. L. Newton and W. M. Thomas. While Prof. W. D. Perry teaches the subscription school in the day. The school for the old people was started the 24th ult. We feel that Rev. B. J. Finney, our pastor, is trying to do good. Sunday School meets at this place at 9 o'clock and services at 11. We want to organize bible classes for the young and old people in the afternoon, and class meeting at 3 o'clock. The program at our literary was opened by an address by Mrs. Florence Perry, subject: "National Institution." Essay, by W. M. Hays: "The duty of a Husband;" a song by Mrs. Malinda Hunter and Mrs. L. A. Davis. The countries of Africa were named by Master Alexander White, and select reading by Mrs. Alice Blackburn, subject; "This world is not my home.

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Shelbyville Shap Shots.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Revs. James Turner, J. C. Richman, R. A. Hill and B. A. J. Wilson attended the funeral of the late James Fishback. He was buried two miles in the country in a private cemetery. Mrs. E. H. Harris is visiting her mother in Alabama. She will spend a few months. The debate at Phillips' Academy between B. P. Thompson and Rev. G. A. Holt, "Resolved that Education is second to Religion," took place recently. Mrs. George Garret was in the city on the 25th, ult. Miss Carrie Cormack is ill. James Walls was in the city on the 11th, ult. Mrs. John Thompson and James Temple are doing a good coal business. They speak of having a Spring Fair here. Prof. R. F. Purdy has been tendered a position in the Maculate works. Chester Stamps left for his home in Louisville, Ky., on the 9th, ult. Rev. F. M. Stamps is in the city. Miss L. S. Wilson was in the city on the 29th. Anderson Smith's pool room is always crowded. Mesdames J. C. Richman and Peter Evans joined the Daughters of Zion on the 29th, ult. James Gilliland says The Freeman is the greatest paper in America. We think the same. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store.

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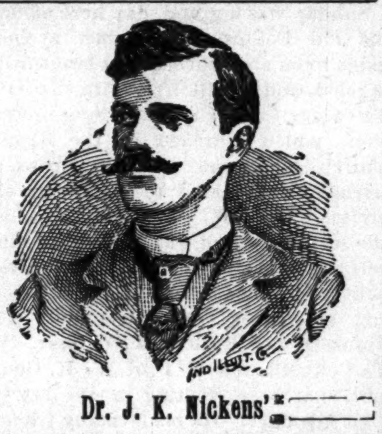

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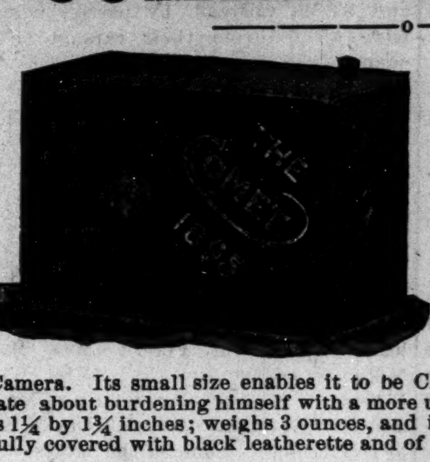

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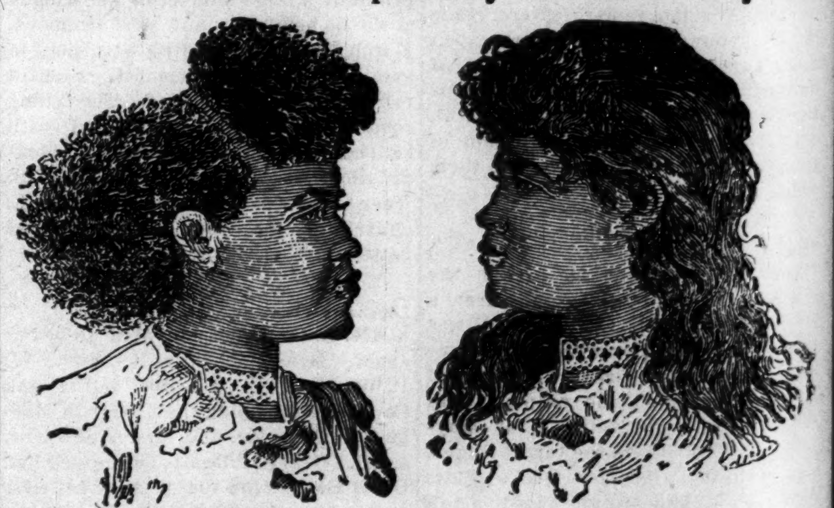

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His protecting arm divine, reach out,
And sin to death relegates.

She will sleep the sleep of righteous dead
Among the bless'd angelic sprites—
Lonely, weary and for loan, I'll dread
And pray away the dreary nights.

Nevermore, I'll hear her humming hymns
To Him, the Prince of all things good—
Then my cheerless soul and feeble limbs
In vain will seek true womanhood.

She no longer babe will tranquilize,
But taketh rest in Christ the Lord,
While I grieve and gaze with wiseful eyes
And hope and wait for my reward.

Nevermore, I'll meet her greeting smile—
That symbol true of heav'n's light;
Ah, me thinks my God can reconcile
My soul to fate and future bright.

Nevermore she'll mend, prepare my clothes,
But rest serene in happiness
While I under all my grief repose
With contrite heart and hope of bliss.

Friend of mine, shar'd both my hope and cares
In life note here a partial change—
I may first ascend the golden stairs
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Could I with my friend be laid away—
Repose with her in Paradise,
And awake in Christ on judgment day,
I'd freely make the sacrifice.

Could I with my friend be laid to rest
And hide behind that golden wall;
Read our names upon our Savior's breast
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CONTRIBUTION NOTES—The following chapters freely given to the readers of The Freeman are a part of the suppliment to one of the books I have written, which is now in the hands of a well known publishing house. It was my intention to place this book, ("Old Specs") upon the market over a year ago but publishers like pawnbrokers, only want to give an author one-fourth of the value of his goods, or like second hand furniture dealers pay you a one-tenth cash value. I have not published "Old Spec" for these reasons. The following is a title page and preface which will explain the nature of the book.

"OLD SPECS."

A Pioneer of Freedom, Advocate of Truth, and Champion of Civil Rights. Twice exiled from Virginia for advocating equal rights; minister, friend of 'John Brown of Osawatomie,' a conductor on the underground railroad, member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1867-68, U. S inspector of customs, supervisor and justice of the peace in Virginia, a history, a romance, a sermon.

PREFACE—Truth is in truth, stranger than fiction. The ardent but penurious lover, born of "poor but honest parents," humbly begs of the millionaire the hand of his only daughter in marriage. He is turned away with the cold remarks: "Go! and when you have amassed the sum of $500,000 return, and I will answer your request."

The lover goes—either to sea or some gold field, and returns after several years, rich. He learns that while he was going up the hill of fortune the millionaire was coming down in the same ratio. He pays the once rich man's debts, becomes the senior member of the firm, and of course, marries the daughter. This is the imagination of a romantic writer's brain. A Virginian, a free born Afro-American, is accused of a grave crime (preaching Gods word to his bond brethren) and is obliged to flee North in order to escape the lawful punishment for such crimes. He returns to Virginia after the war, is elected Justice of the Peace in Princess Anne county, and tries in his court some of the same white men who years before tried him. This is truth Romantic as it may sound, it is a page of Virginia's unwritten history, too real, too romatic and too interesting to keep as the private property of the subscriber. The hero of this true story intended to write an antobiography (in fact did write it from the time he left Virginia until he met the great John Brown in New York State) procrastination and a press of business kept him from completing the same until, at the ripe age of 76 death ended his remarkable and romantic life.

The writer holds sacred the memory of all the Freedom's Pioneers and, having the crude manuscript of this volumn in his possession, deemed it a duty to publish the same, as a fitting memorial to one he loved, first as a champion of freedom, and secondly as a devoted parent (as the hero of this story was the father of it's author.) Great care has been taken to verify all that portion of the volumn taken from notes of events that occurred before the birth or memory of the author. He did not doubt the veracity of his father, but so strange and romantic were many of the events, however, that he wanted to give the skeptic positive proofs of their correctness. The author tried to forget that he was writing the life of his father, he has tried to remember only that he was recording the history of one of Freedom's Pioneers," and has attempted to present the faults and mistakes as well as the virtures of his hero. If the critic should detect any praise that he deems could only be given by a son to the memory of his father, when he shall have completed reading this book, he will forgive the author.

The author of "Old Specs" having written several stories which flattering friends were pleased to call novels, has at times been tempted while writing this book, "to guild refined gold, to paint the lily" with romance, but has successfully resisted the temptation. He has simply echoed in his own voice the history of the past

The title of the book, "Old Specs," may need a little explanation. When our hero was a member of the Virginia State Constitutional Convention 1867-68, he wore a pair of square-rimmed gold spectacles, a rebel journal of the day, published in Richmond called the "Southern Opinion," referred to him as "Old Specs" from Princess Anne county." He was quick-witted enough to remark that it took "Specs with double lens to watch the ex-rebels." He seemed to like the name "Old Specs" and intended to publish his life under that title. The author has followed out his program.

AUGUSTUS M. HODGES,
Brooklyn, N. Y., March 18, 1894.

The above preface refers to the book "Old Specs,' and not to the suppliment, the first chapter of which will appear in the next issue of The Freeman. There are twenty chapters all of which will appear in The Freeman and doubtless will be read with almost as much interest as the romantic life of Hon. G. L. Knox, of course the most interesting part of history will be found in the main part of the book

Odd Fellows' Annual Sermon.

Hillsboro, Tex., Special.

Sunday, March 1st will long be remembered as a red-letter day among the Odd Fellows of this city. It was the occasion of their annual sermon. About 3 o'clock the members of the lodge filed out of their hall and marched in regulation order down church street to McDonald thence to the A. M. E. church. Arrived here they were met by the sisters of the Household of Ruth headed by Rev. Jas. A. Johnson who was to preach the sermon. The united procession was an imposing one and reflects the highest credit on all concerned. The church was crowded. Seldom has such an audience assembled within the spacious edifice. The sermon was a magnificent one in every respect. Filled with eloquence and beautiful pathos it carried the audience by storm. The Reverend orator was at his best and fully justified the expectation of his auditors. Sweet and appropriate music was rendered by the choir under the leadership of Mrs. Hattie Hilliard, and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the occasion. Politics is the order of the day now. We are wrestling with the question of prohibition or rather local option. Soon the Republicans will select delegates to attend their State Convention. Reed, McKinley and Allison are fighting to capture the State and it is a mooted question as to who will succeed. The colored brother is in his element. Our school is still holding its own and has been favored by visits from some of our most distinguished divines. Dr. Harris of Waxahachie accompanied by Rev J. A. Johnson and Rev. W. S. Johnson, Presiding Elder, and Tom Elliott were with us recently. Elder Benson and Rev. Wyatt of the C. M. E. church, gave the children some practical advice a few days ago. It is to be regretted that our people visit this school as little as they do. Rhetorical Friday is a great day with the students of Peabody school, Prof. Johnson has made this school as good as can be found anywhere. Miss C. S. Wilson of Peabody school visited her sister, the wife of Rev. Harris, M. D., at Waxahachie last week. Mrs. Wilson of Peabody school visited her sister, the wife of Rev. Harris, M. D., at Waxahachie last week. Alex Wilson, jr., was in Waco recently to see his best girl. Mrs. Johnson wife of our professor, visited her parents at Dawson last week.

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Frank Scott is improving, Mrs. L. G. Brooks is much better. Mrs. A. J. Allen is convalescing. A. J. Allen made a flying trip to Louisville, Ky., Saturday. Mr. McKeesic, of Clarksville, Tenn., and Mr. Boone, of South Bend, Ind., are here selling a patent tea pot, They are having success. The social at the A. M. E. church last week was a success. Mrs. Sol Rang, of Ft. Wayne, is assisting her sister, Mrs. Katie Turner, in the hair business. Sunday was Missionary day at the A. M. E. church. Rev. Lewis Pettiford preached a missionary sermon on "How shall we receive the gospel?" Rev. Pettiford divided his congregation into three circles to raise money to repair the church. Sunday was the first day for the Christian Endeavors. Mrs. Maud Winslow, president; Miss Mabel Parker, secretary. The first meeting of the Endeavors was good.

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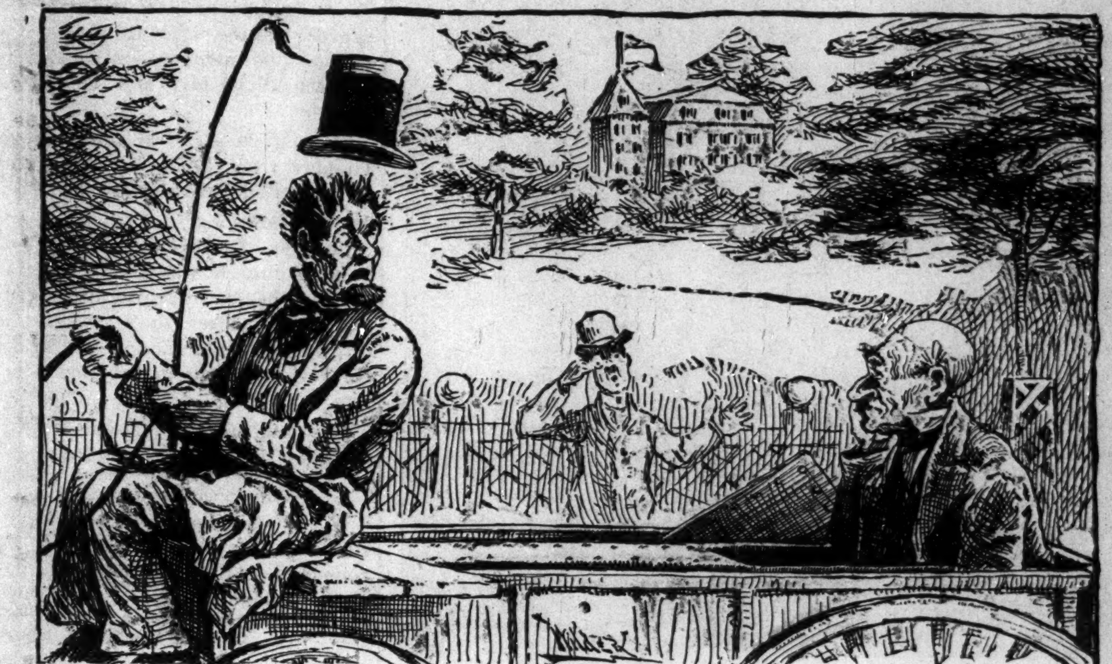
"Wall, it is so, whether you believe it or not. Why, I see a feller jest now who sez he don't believe anybody would ever die at all, if they kep' themselves kinder wet through all the time with this water."

"Oh, shaw!" sez I. (I seldom say shaw, but this seemed to me a time for shawin'.)

But Josiah kep' on, for he wus fearfully excited. Sez he, "Why, the fellow said, there wuz a old man who lived right by the side of this spring, and felt the effects of it inside and out all the time, it wuz so healthy there. Why the old man kep' on a livin', and a livin', till he got to be a hundred. And he wuz kinder lazy naturally and he got tired of livin'. He said he wuz tired of gettin' up mornin's and dressin' of him, tired of pullin' on his boots and drawin' on his trowses, and he told his grandson Sam to take him up to Troy and let him die.



"Wall, Sam took him up to Troy, and he died right away, almost. And Sam bein' a good hearted chap, thought it would please the old man to be buried down by the spring, that healthy spot. So he took him back there in a wagon he borrowed. And when he got clost to the spring, Sam heard a sithe, and he looked back, and there the old gentleman wuz a settin' up a leanin' his head on his elbo, and he sez, in a sort of a sad way, not mad, but melancholly, '**You hadn't ort to done it, Sam. You hadn't ort to. I'm in now for another hundred years.**'"

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A. Turnham, of Linden st, is still on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Porter, of Paris, Ill., is in the city.

Mrs. Effie Givens was in Cincinnati, O. this week on business.

Told free, what you wish to know. Send one question with stamped envlope to Mrs. E. Parry, Newport, Ark. See ad., page 8.

W. S. Rollins was confined to his room the first of this week.

Julius R. Cox is soon to be inducted into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship.

Harry Fiddler, of Al G. Field's minstrels was in the city Sunday.

Miss Tena Steele of 170 Minerva sreet, is convalescent.

Miss Cora Smith, of Evansville, Ind., is the guest of Miss Stella Roundtree.

Grant H. Clay, Dentist. 95 N. Del. Teeth filled and extracted without pain.

James Graham who lives at No. 10 Athen st. is suffering with the rheumatism.

Will Wakefield of 31 Hosbrook street, spent last Sunday with friends in Noblesville.

Paul Dunbar gave one of his choice concerts at Allen chapel on last Wednesday eve.

Mrs. Myrtle Harris, of the Freeman, is on the sick list.

Rev. N. A. Seymour, of New Bethel Baptist church, immersed 22 new converts on last Sabbath.

The cantata entitled,"The feast of Belshazzer," will be presented at Bethel church in the near future.

Miss Daisy Stewart has been placed on the roll of substitute teachers in our city schools, by Prof. Goss.

Willis Malory, of the Freeman, had his hand badly smashed Monday by being run down by a street car.

There will be a leap year party at Odd Fellow's hall, Tuesday eve., March 17th. Invitations. Pandan music.

The Olive Baptist church has organized a literary lyceum which will hold its sessions on Tuesday evenings.

Miss Carrie Gruggs was given a birthday party Feb. 28th, at the resicence of Mrs. M. M. Twyman, 21 Greenwood street.

The Lexington conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will convene at Louisville on next Tuesday at 9:00 a. m. Bishop Thomas Bowman will preside.

The Trinity mission on hosbrooke st. No. 39, re-opened last Sunday. The Sabbath school which meets at 2:30 p. m. was nicely attended. All are cordially invited.

The grand opening entertainment of the Olivet Union literary society at Coburn st Baptist church Tuesday eve., Mar. 24th, promises to be one of the grandest events of the season.

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Messrs. T. J. Armstrong, Albert Carter and Wm. Roberts of Westfield, Hamilton county, were duly accredited delegates to the late State Prohibition Convention which met in this city.

Rev. E. L. Gilliam, P. E., held quarterly meeting services at Barnes Chapel, North Indianapolis, on last Sunday.

The Marion county colored benevolent society discussed the question of systematic benevolence at their meeting at Corinthian Baptist church on last Wednesday night. The occasion was interspersed with solos, duets and other choice songs of an elivening nature.

Rev. L. M. Hagood of Simpson Chapel, will preach his farewell sermon prior to his leaving for conference on to-morrow night. The public is cordially invited to attend and to hear the eloquent gentleman's discourse.

Mrs. S. V. W. Crusious of St. Louis, the mother of the late Peter Ireland, is stopping with her aged parents at Irvington.

Rev. J. J. Kennedy of Lovely Lane church, is one of the solicitors for the World's fair store.

Miss Melissa Davidson and Mrs. Effie Givens are succeeding admirably in their line of gents furnishing and notions at their new stand, No. 64 Indiana avenue.

William Russell of Paris, Ill., has accepted a position at the Denison shop.

The A. A. Young Club held a very enthusiastic meeting last Monday evening. Short addresses on the "attitude of the Negro in politics," were delivered by Rev. J. M. Morton and Johnson Benson.

A literary society to be known as the Olivet Union Literary Society, was successfully organized last Tuesday evening at Coburn street Baptist church. The evening of the 24th inst., is set for the grand opening entertainment. This society invites visitors from all parts of the city.

The 53rd anniversary of the grand United Order of Odd Fellows was celebrated last Sunday at Bethel A. M. E. church Rev. A. L. Murray, the talented young divine, delivered the annual sermon. For full particulars see next week's issue.

Mrs. Lillian Thomas-Fox was in Muncie this week and appeared in a concert given at the A. M. E church. She was to appear in four numbers but so great was the applause that she was on for nine numbers. Mrs. Fox was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stokes.

Rev. Dr. E. E. J. McCray returned Tuesday from Louisville, Ky., where he was called Saturday by the death of his daughter.

The Rev. Dicks, a member of South Calvary church was seriously injured by being beaten by white men one day last week. After the assault he was thrown into the creek and left for dead. He revived, but is in a critical condition.

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Odd Fellow's Annual Sermon.

The annual Thanksgiving service of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellews was held at Bethel Church Sunday, March 1st, was an unusual affair. In point of members it was the most notable gathering in the history of the order.

Rev. A.L.Murray preached an excellent sermon that made lasting impressions on the vast audience. A feeling of fellowship and good cheer permeated the assembly. Mr. N. P. Gardner delivered the annual oration, which was in keeping with the occasion. Misses Ella Evans, Anna Dent, Sarah Dent and Mrs. Fannie Brown appeared to advantage on the program. Mr. S. G. Givens was master of ceremonies.

Birthday Entertainment.

On Tuesday evening Mar. 3rd, quite a large party of friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. People's gathered at their residence No. 24 Elsworth st. to celebrate the thirty-seventh birthday of Mrs. Peoples. The party was invitational and the near friends of the family spent a most enjoyable evening. Quite a musical treat was prepared which was led by Prof. Reuben Shelton and Miss Mamie Smith; which was followed by refreshments such as only the caterer of the Bates House can prepare. Many beautiful and useful presents were received by the lady whose birthday was being celebrated.

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